













History of  
**Freemasonry in Kentucky**

From 1900  
To 1935



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# *Foreword*

When the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary determined to publish this volume, by resolution adopted on the 13th day of July, 1934, I was assigned the duty of compiling this history and writing an introduction thereto. The action of the Board of Directors was approved by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky at the 1934 communication and in obedience to the instructions so given, I have entered upon the duties assigned to me with the hope that this volume will be of some help to those called upon to direct the destiny of Kentucky Masonry during the remainder of the Twentieth Century.

In 1800 there were five regularly constituted lodges in Kentucky, working under charters granted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, located at Lexington, Paris, Georgetown, Frankfort, and Shelbyville. A meeting of representatives from these five lodges was held in Lexington, Kentucky, on September 8, 1800, which was called to order by James Morrison, the oldest Past Master present, who presided until John Hawkins was elected Chairman and Thomas Bodley, Clerk. The deliberation resulted in the adoption of the following resolution, addressed to the Grand Lodge of Virginia:

"Lexington, Kentucky,  
September 8th, A. L. 5800, A. D. 1800.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother,

A meeting of the deputies from five lodges, regularly established in Kentucky, has been held at Lexington, and adopted the resolutions which you will find enclosed.

In adopting this measure, we have been actuated by a wish to promote the welfare of the craft. It cannot be new to, or unconsidered by, the Grand Lodge of Virginia, that the lodges in this country under their jurisdiction, labour under many inconveniences.

In the first place, we suppose the charity fund an important object in our institution. The benefit of this fund cannot be extended to any brother or his family here.

It must also be observed, that the lodges in this state cannot conveniently be represented in the Grand Lodge of Virginia, by their masters and wardens; and that the appointment of other representatives, is subject to great difficulties, from causes which are evident. The distance, and unavoidable accidents, have frequently prevented the lodges in Kentucky from being represented in the grand lodge.

Another inconvenience, (not the least important with regard to masonry) is, that we cannot expect the presence either of the grand master, or visitors, who may be appointed to inspect our work, and see that it is regularly conducted.

Part of an independent commonwealth, we need not refer to precedents to authorize this measure: these precedents must be familiar to the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

While, however, we deem this measure necessary, we have yet determined, that the usual contributions to the Grand Lodge of Virginia shall be paid up till the period of our separation; and thus proving our disposition to discharge, in every respect, our duty to our parent lodge, we trust that it will credit the motives which lead us to separate.

Notwithstanding the separation, we will never forget that we are materials of the same temple, nor cease to attach ourselves to our brethren of Virginia, however remote we may be, from their part of the great superstructure.—No disgust, no disrespect to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, has induced us to adopt this measure; necessity and the welfare of the craft commands it.

We shall, at every opportunity, be happy to communicate through our grand lodge with your grand lodge; and assure you that we are

Your friends and Brothers.

(Signed by order of the convention.)

JOHN HAWKINS, Chairman.

Thomas Bodley, Clerk."

On Thursday, October 16, A. L. 5800, A. D. 1800, delegates from the five regular constituted lodges met at the Masons Hall in the town of Lexington and proceeded to establish a Grand Lodge for the State of Kentucky, when the delegates surrendered the several charters granted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia and received new ones, by which the Grand Lodge of Kentucky chartered and constituted Lexington Lodge No. 1; Paris Lodge No. 2; Georgetown No. 3; Hiram Lodge (Frankfort) No. 4; Solomon Lodge (Shelbyville) No. 5.

William Murray, Master of Hiram Lodge, was unanimously elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, being immediately installed according to the ancient form. A committee was appointed to, and did prepare an address to the several Grand Lodges of the United States explaining the reason for the establishment of the Grand Lodge in the State of Kentucky, to wit:

"Lexington, Kentucky,  
A. L. 5800, A. D. 1800.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother,

I AM instructed, by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, to announce to you their organization, and to explain the motives which led to a separation of the lodges in Kentucky, from the jurisdiction of their parent Grand Lodge of Virginia. They will be detailed in the simplicity of unadorned truth, and are too forcible to require any extraneous assistance to carry conviction of the propriety of the measure. No motive of disgust or disrespect to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, has actuated those lodges upon this occasion. They still feel the same fraternal love and affection for their brethren of Virginia, which, as masons, it is their duty to entertain for all the fraternity; with the additional sentiments which arise from a remembrance, that it was more immediately from that Grand Lodge, that those lodges derived the means of illumination.—They conceive that their procedure is sanctioned by precedent, and enforced upon them by masonic principles.

Among the multitude of precedents to which they might refer, the following only will be enumerated, which are supposed to be more than sufficient to give every sanction which precedent can give to any measure.

1. In the reign of George the 2d, the lodges in England having, from neglect, gone greatly into decay, it was deemed necessary, to promote the welfare of the craft, that a grand lodge for England should be established in London, although no grand lodge had ever been before established there. It is further to be observed, at that time there was a grand lodge established at York in the same kingdom, which continued a long time afterwards separate and independent. In the state of Kentucky, there is no grand lodge, but this which is now organized. In forming the new grand lodge in England, at London, four lodges only concurred; in forming the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, five regular lodges (all of which are in this state) are represented.

2. Prior to the American revolution, the grand lodges of the then provinces, were governed by provincial grand masters, appointed by the grand master of England. After that revolution they separated themselves in different and independent grand lodges, justly conceiving that as members of an independent commonwealth, and as FREE MASONS, they had a right so to do, the better to promote the welfare and prosperity of the craft.—This is believed to have happened in almost every state of the union.

3. There was one exception, which will now be noticed as the last precedent of which mention will be made.—The lodges in Maryland were generally, if not altogether, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, until the 31st day of July, A. D. 1783, A. L. 5783, when they formed a Grand Lodge of Maryland; and this proceeding finally received the sanction and approbation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Though the right of the lodges in this state, to form a grand lodge, is undoubted, yet a due regard to the opinions of their brethren, induced this Grand Lodge to develope the circumstances which rather have compelled, than induced this measure to be adopted merely as of right and choice.

Here it will be only necessary to advert to the great distance (not less than seven hundred miles) between the seats of the grand lodge in this state, and that of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. This alone is sufficient to prove that our inducements to a separation are much stronger than those which existed in the case of the grand lodge at London, or that of Maryland. On this head it will be sufficient to enumerate some inconveniences, not which might happen, but which have actually been felt in this state by the craft. Some lodges, though punctual in transmitting their communications and contributions to the G. Lodge of Va., have laboured under a painful, and although to the G. Lodge then unknown, and undeserved censure, when from causes unavoidable, the persons intrusted therewith have not arrived in due time. From the same cause, one lodge then acting under a dispensation, has been compelled to take out two dispensations before they obtained a charter, and were obliged to suspend their work at two periods for almost a year. In different parts of this state, application for charters have been made by worthy brethren, which are presumed wholly to have miscarried, because no notice has been taken of them by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and the characters of the applicants are of undoubtedly

We have already found cause to lament that the lodges in this country, could not be legally and regularly visited; a continuance in such a state, there is just ground to fear, would give existence and permanence to the greatest irregularities. Finally, it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that if no other reason existed, it would be sufficient to represent to our brethren, that our situation precludes an unfortunate brother or his family, among us, from the due assistance out of the grand charity fund, to which we have contributed.

Fully convinced of their right, and actuated by a desire to encourage the deserving brethren in their labours, and repress the irregularities of the unwary, we trust that our motives and conduct will be duly appreciated by the most worshipful Grand Lodge of (name filled in). I am also instructed by this Grand Lodge, to offer, through you, a reciprocation of correspondence and communications with your Grand Lodge, and to assure them of the earnest wish we have to prove to them our fraternal regard and esteem; in which, permit me to add, to yourself and them that of

Your friend and brother."

The necessity for works explanatory of the principles and constitution of ancient masonry soon became apparent and the Grand Lodge of Kentucky appointed a committee composed of James Moore and Cary L. Clarke to prepare and arrange a treatise upon that subject, and in pursuance of the appointment, Brothers Moore and Clarke did prepare and cause to be published a book entitled "Masonic Constitutions" or "Illustrations of Masonry", which was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and copyrighted on the 30th day of March, 1808, when the rights were assigned to George M. Bibb, Acting Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Kentucky and his successors forever.

On March 3, 1900, Grand Master John A. Ramsey appointed Captain H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary, to prepare a history of our Grand Lodge to be published by the Grand Secretary with the proceedings of 1900 and thereafter Captain H. B. Grant did publish a book entitled, "Doings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky from 1800 to 1900". This work is prized highly by those who are fortunate enough to possess a copy.

The Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, being impressed with the thought that the Masons of Kentucky, during the first one-third of the 20th Century, had done more lasting and substantial work looking to the practical application of the principles of Free Masonry, determined that a history of the doings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky from 1901 to and including 1934 should be compiled and published, in the Masonic Home Journal, the official organ of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, edited and printed by the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors held on Friday, September 2, 1932, the following resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS the late H. B. Grant prepared and caused to be printed a volume entitled 'THE DOINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE from 1800 to 1900', and

WHEREAS, from 1901 to the present time the activities of the Grand Lodge have been more extensive, more progressive and greater results have been obtained than in any similar period and these achievements should be collated and placed in permanent form.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, that H. H. Moore and E. D. Swimme be and they are directed to compile a History of the doings of the Grand Lodge, together with its achievements, from 1901 to and including 1934. Said compilation, including one calendar year, will be published in the Masonic Home Journal on what is known as the editorial page and the next page thereto, together with the picture of the Grand Master presiding during said year. The picture of the Grand Master will be placed in the center of the page and the composition will surround the picture and continue on the next page. The period of only one year will be published in one edition. The publication will begin with October 1st and at least one installment will be published each month until the thirty-three installments have been completed. Each installment will be submitted to and approved by the Committee on Industries before same is published. Moore will prepare the installment, beginning with the election of Officers of the Grand Lodge in 1900 to the Grand Lodge of 1901, 1902, to the Grand Lodge of 1903, 1904, to 1905. Swimme will prepare installment, beginning with Grand Lodge 1901-1903-1905. They may collaborate, but each will be charged with and credited by the installments as herein indicated, that in preparing the article they will give a sketch of the Grand Master's Masonic activities, not only for that year, but generally."

Brother Moore, affectionately known as Judge Moore, severed his connection with the Masonic Home Journal before the work was completed but Brother Swimme carried out the directions and completed the work in 1934 and published the history in the Masonic Home Journal, as outlined in the foregoing resolution.

There was a demand from the craft for bound volumes of the history, as published in the Home Journal, and on July 13, 1934, the President stated to the Board of Directors that E. D. Swimme had completed the history of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to and including the first nine months of 1934 and that all the history, except the last installment, had then been published in the Masonic Home Journal; that at his request, Miss Belle Ford, Principal of the Home Schools is engaged in writing a history of the educational progress in the Masonic Home from 1872 to 1934; that Miss Ruth Willis, who was reared in the Home and is now Assistant Principal in the Masonic Home Schools, is engaged in writing a history of the Masonic Home from 1869 to 1934; and that Mrs. Adna P. Scearce, Matron of the Old Masons' Home, is engaged in writing the history of the Old Masons' Home.

Thereupon the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the President write the foreword and that J. C. Morris be, and he is directed to cause to be printed 1000 copies in book form, the history of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky from 1900 to and including the first nine months of the year 1934, together with the history of the Home, as written by Miss Ruth Willis; the history of the Old Masons' Home, as written by Mrs. Scearce; and editorial to said book, as prepared by Miss Belle Ford, and when said book has been completed, the Superintendent will furnish the President an itemized statement of the cost and the President will fix the price at which each volume will be sold."

The action of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary was reported to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and on October 17, 1934, Past Grand Master, G. A. Holland, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Finance Committee, approved by it and unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge:

"WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary caused E. D. Swimme and H. H. Moore to prepare a digest of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky from 1901 to the present time and said digest of the proceedings has been published, during the past two years, in the Masonic Home Journal, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has caused this digest of proceedings to be compiled and revised and is preparing to have same published in book form for the purpose of sale, and

WHEREAS, H. B. Grant published a similar book containing a record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky from 1800 to 1900, which book is treasured as a valuable addition to the Masonic history of the state by those who possess it, and the proposed publication will be a continuation of that history and should be in the possession of every subordinate lodge in this state.

It is the purpose of the Board of Directors to sell this book when completed, at approximately the cost of binding and printing, but the exact price cannot be determined until the book is completed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Secretary is authorized to and he will subscribe for six hundred copies of said book at the price fixed by the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, and the Grand Treasurer will pay for same when they are delivered. The Grand Secretary will cause one copy of said book to be delivered to the secretary of each subordinate lodge in the state and to each Past Grand Master, and the secretary will preserve same as the property of said lodge. The remaining volumes so purchased by the Grand Secretary will be retained by him and when and as new charters are issued a copy thereof will be delivered to the lodge so organized."

The history of the Grand Lodge, as written by H. H. Moore and E. D. Swimme will be found on pages 3 to 462 in this volume. The history of the progress of education in the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary from 1872 to 1934, as written by Miss Belle Ford, will be found on pages 485 to 492 in this volume. The history of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, as written by Miss Ruth Willis, will be found on pages 463 to 483, in this volume; and the history of the Old Masons' Home, as written by Mrs. Adna P. Scearce, will be found on pages 495 to 501 in this volume.

From the records contained in this volume, it will be observed that during the first one-third of the present century, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky established the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky; built and operated the Masonic Temple located at Chestnut Street between Third and Fourth Streets in the City of Louisville for fifteen years, when it found that the building was being operated at a loss and sold it to Shubert Brothers. A new school building and a new widows' building were erected at the Old Home site at Second and Avery Streets in Louisville, Kentucky. It established the Educational Trustees, whereby many of the girls and boys finishing the curriculum at the Home have received vocational training. The most outstanding achievement in the Masonic History of the United States was the Construction by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky of the new, modern and up-to-date widows' and orphans' home on a tract of 125 acres of land, lying between the City of Louisville and the town of St. Matthews, which cost approximately \$2,000,-000.00, which was fully paid for.

The children were moved from the Old Home on Second and Avery Streets into the new plant in 1927, and the new plant is now recognized as the outstanding children's home in the United States and is often inspected by committees from other jurisdictions as well as other fraternities.

The Postmaster General, recognizing the importance of this plant, in 1934 established a Post Office thereon, which is known as the town of Masonic Home, Kentucky.

The Endowment Fund of the Masonic Home has been increased from approximately \$350,000 in 1900 to \$2,100,000.00. An Endowment fund was established for the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky of approximately \$30,000.00 and the Grand Lodge built up and now has a surplus fund of approximately \$150,000.00.

Neither the Grand Lodge of Kentucky nor either of its institutions owe any debt or obligation of any kind or character, so that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has passed through the depression and is today in the strongest financial position of any known institution.

The success obtained during the present century is attributable to the teachings and inspiration received from those who

lived during the Nineteenth Century and reflects the proper spirit of brotherhood among fifty thousand Masons in Kentucky.

This volume should have gone to press in the early part of the present year, but since its publication has been delayed, we cannot close this preface without saying that on July 8, 1935, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky lost one of its most faithful and efficient members when R. W. Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, passed to his reward at the ripe age of 71.

The term of M. W. Hebbert Henderson as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky will close in October and the record which he has made will be inspiring to those who write the next volume of the history of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Brother Henderson has been ably assisted by the following Grand Officers:

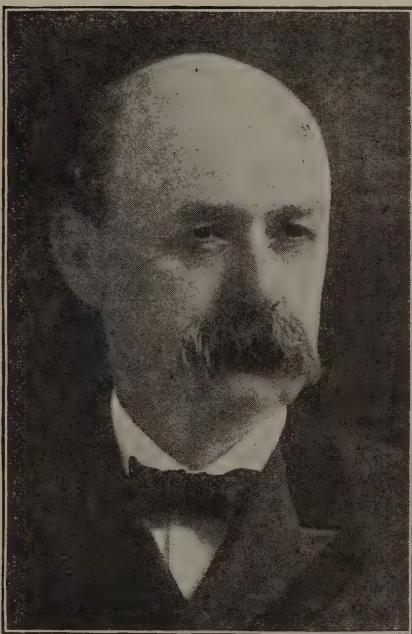
Deputy Grand Master, Hugh Moore;  
Grand Senior Warden, I. B. Ross;  
Grand Junior Warden, S. P. Alderson;  
Grand Treasurer, James Garnett;  
Grand Secretary, Fred W. Hardwick;  
Grand Chaplain, Rev. Joe Berry;  
Grand Senior Deacon, Henry Black;  
Grand Junior Deacon, Edward R. Hinkle;  
Grand Marshal, George C. Stahel;  
Grand Sword Bearer, Clarence E. Tyree;  
Grand Pursuivant, C. E. Peterson;  
Grand Tiler, W. H. Hawes.

I have found pleasure in the labor assigned to me and present this volume with the hope that it will meet with the approbation of the craft throughout the State of Kentucky and will prove serviceable to those who are in charge of the affairs of the Fraternity in the future.

JAMES GARNETT, President  
Board of Directors of Masonic Widows and  
Orphans' Home and Infirmary.

## ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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William Caldwell  
McChord

1901

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Born 1850—Died 1928

Brother McChord was born at the old McChord home near the city of Springfield, Kentucky, on July 3, 1850, and died at his home in that city July 5, 1928.

His Masonic history is as follows: Initiated September 9, 1871; passed May 28, 1872; raised June 22, 1872, in Springfield Lodge No. 50. He served the lodge as Master for 1881 and 1882, and was a fifty-year member. He was elected Grand Master in 1900, and was chairman of the Building Committee which erected the Masonic Temple on Chestnut Street, Louisville, and rendered valuable service in its erection. He received capricular degrees in Springfield Chapter No. 27 in 1873, knighted in Ryan Commandery No. 17, Danville, Ky., in 1880, and demitted to become a charter member of Marion Commandery No. 24.

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FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1901

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, held its One Hundred and First Annual Communication in Music Hall, north side of Market Street between First and Second Streets, Louisville. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 10 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, October 15, the following officers in their respective stations:

Wm. C. McChord .....	Grand Master
Harry Bailey .....	Deputy Grand Master
John W. Landrum .....	Grand Senior Warden
Owen D. Thomas .....	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers .....	Grand Treasurer
H. B. Grant .....	Grand Secretary
H. R. Coleman .....	Grand Chaplain
together with the appointive officers.	

Sixteen of the then living past grand masters were in attendance. A list of past masters registering in the Grand Secretary's office was not published in the 1901 Proceedings.

In beginning his address, Grand Master McChord said:

"I extend to each of you a cordial welcome to this the One Hundred and First Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and in doing so I welcome you as members of a fraternity whose efforts to teach morality and practice charity, in its broadest sense, has made it one of the most potent factors in the advancement of Christian civilization that has existed in any age. Its mission is peace and good will. In the most remote parts of the earth, wherever civilization has penetrated, our lodges have been organized and today are engaged in the noble work of teaching truth by our beautiful system of symbolisms so dear to us all. For the accomplishment of these purposes mystic chains bind together people of all nations in one common brotherhood."

Continuing, he said:

"It affords me great pleasure to say peace and harmony prevail throughout our jurisdiction."

Speaking of the assassination of President Wm. McKinley, who was a Mason, he said:

"A few days ago the world was startled and paralyzed by the foul blow of an assassin who struck down Brother William McKinley, President of the United States, while surrounded by loving and admiring friends. He had reached the highest position available in this life. By his exemplary conduct as a husband, citizen, and soldier, as well as statesman, he had secured in the hearts of the countrymen a place which can never fade or pass away, more enduring and more fondly cherished than the lofty monuments of stone erected to perpetuate his memory. We can but bow our heads in submission to the strange and awful dispensation of providence."

He reviewed the history of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky with respect to its efforts to secure and maintain a permanent place of meeting, and an office for the Grand Secretary. The first building to house the Grand Lodge permanently was erected in the City of Lexington in the year 1826. It subsequently was destroyed by fire and the Grand Lodge was without a permanent

meeting place until 1840 when another building was erected in the City of Lexington, and was occupied by Grand Lodge for more than twenty years. In the year 1850 some enterprising Masons of Louisville organized a stock company for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Temple on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Jefferson Street. The building was completed and ready for occupancy just seven years later. Grand Lodge was in session in Lexington about the time the temple in Louisville was completed, and a resolution was introduced to hold the meeting of the Grand Lodge at Louisville. This was defeated by a vote of 134 to 93. At the 1858 session of Grand Lodge which again assembled in Lexington, a committee representing the Louisville Masonic Temple Association, tendered the use of the temple to Grand Lodge free of all charges, for the holding of its annual convocations. This proposition was accepted by Grand Lodge by a vote of 138 to 93.

Grand Lodge continued to meet in this building for a number of years. Later Grand Lodge bought a large amount of stock of the Temple Company, and in 1890 Grand Lodge voted to transfer 99½ shares of common stock and 100 shares of the preferred stock to the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, the terms of said transfer being set forth in a resolution which said:

"That should the management of said Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary ever become inimical to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, or said Home and Infirmary be diverted to other purposes than those for which it was originally established, then, in that event, the said shares of stock shall immediately revert to the Grand Lodge."

The sale of the building in 1900 again left the Grand Lodge without a permanent meeting place. On June 24, 1901, the cornerstone of a new temple was laid on a lot previously purchased by Grand Master McChord for \$26,250. The lot, 105 by 180, was opposite the Customs House. It had on it an old building which was wrecked and the old material sold for \$1,015, making the net cost of the lot \$25,235. Later the building was sold by Grand Lodge; however, under terms of the sale, offices for the Grand Secretary and a place to hold the annual session of Grand Lodge, were reserved and are now occupied by the Grand Lodge.

By reason of a conflagration which almost consumed the City of Cloverport, Ky., and Jacksonville, Fla., where the lives of many Masons and their loved ones were imperiled for want of food and shelter, the Grand Master contributed \$200 for the relief fund in each of these cities. The action was approved by Grand Lodge.

Speaking of the Home he said:

"Every Mason in Kentucky is thrilled with proud emotions when the Home is mentioned. In the quiet of his own home with

his loved ones around him, receiving a father's care and a mother's love, a quiet and soothing consolation pervades his bosom when he remembers that the helpless ones left to us as a cherished legacy of our brethren who have 'crossed over the river,' are tenderly cared for in the Home, erected, equipped and maintained by the cheerful contributions of every Mason within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge."

In closing his address he said:

"May the richest blessings of providence rest upon you all and your efforts to carry on the great work of our order, whose beneficent influence is speeding the time when all men shall be bound by the ties of universal brotherhood 'through faith in the strength of the lion of the tribe of Judah, and we shall all see the light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day in a world without end.'"

The Grand Treasurer's report showed receipts of \$24,846.06 and disbursements of \$8,934.66. Total resources were listed as \$25,512.60. The Grand Secretary's report showed 467 lodges on the roll and a membership of 20,267, a gain over 1900 of 757. He reported ten lodges under dispensation, seven lodges having lost their charter by fire, one changed its place of meeting and five surrendered their charters. On motion of Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke, Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until Wednesday at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1901

### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:45 o'clock a. m. Brother L. M. McCarthy, for the Jurisprudence Committee, offered their report, which was adopted. Virgil Smith reported for the Credentials Committee.

Brother Harry Bailey, of Cynthiana, was elected Grand Master; John W. Landrum, Mayfield, Deputy Grand Master; Owen D. Thomas, Lebanon, Grand Senior Warden; R. H. C. Rhea, Morganfield, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer, and Henry B. Grant, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to be called on again at 1:30 p. m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 1:45 p. m. Past Grand Master Ramsey, for the Committee on Finance, made their report, which was adopted.

Past Grand Master J. W. Hopper, for the Committee on Appeals, presented their report, which was adopted. After further

routine matters had been taken up Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1901

#### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:30 o'clock a. m., Thursday, October 17. Past Grand Master Howard R. French, for the Committee on the Old Masons' Home, submitted the following report which was adopted:

"In obedience to your directions at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, we inspected various sites offered in different localities, and, after a careful consideration of all the interests involved, we have purchased 123½ acres of land and improvements thereon, near Shelbyville, Kentucky, together with various farming implements, dairy appliances, and two Jersey cows, for the sum of \$12,500, possession to be given not later than November 15, 1901. The county and city lodges have agreed to donate \$2,000 to the Home, and have shown such deep interest in the institution that your committee feels assured the Home will have the earnest support and careful oversight which are essential to its future welfare. The location is healthful, the community one of the best in the state, and the local lodge has had an unbroken existence for more than a century. Articles of incorporation have been filed, in which it is provided that the Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge shall be ex-officio Directors of the Home, thus securing to the Craft a proper official participation in its management. The Board of Directors hope to have its affairs in such condition by the first of January next as to admit a few inmates to the Home, and thus begin the good work which has been so long assuming tangible shape. There is need of prompt payment of the subscriptions heretofore made, which we believe will now be no longer postponed. The liberal and generous support heretofore given our beloved Home for the Widows and Orphans, now firmly established, is a guaranty that this equally worthy institution will not suffer for sufficient means to comfortably care for all who may seek its shelter in their declining years."

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 o'clock p. m., Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, and J. J. Nesbitt, for a special committee, submitted the following report:

"Whereas, The Board of the Widows and Orphans' Home has declined the request of the Grand Lodge to loan it the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, but, whereas, said Board has

agreed by resolution entered upon their records, to loan this Grand Lodge the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars on terms set out in said resolution of said Board, which proposition the Grand Lodge does now accept, and said Building Committee is hereby directed to issue bonds to said Board of Directors to secure said loan; Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Building Committee having in charge the erection of our contemplated Temple be and they are hereby authorized to issue additional bonds to the amount of fifty thousand dollars in denominations to be fixed by the Building Committee bearing interest at 4 per cent per annum, due and payable at the expiration of fifteen years from their date, which bonds shall be secured by second mortgage on said property with the option of this Grand Lodge to redeem any or all of said bonds after the expiration of three years from their date."

This resolution was signed by B. M. Arnett, J. J. Nesbitt and H. H. Holeman. J. S. Pirtle, attorney for and representing the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, after consulting with them privately, submitted the following proposition in reply to the question, "Will the Board loan the Grand Lodge the \$150,000.00 as heretofore assured?" "The Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary will make the loan of \$150,000.00 to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky upon a first mortgage provided the Grand Lodge of Kentucky shall have sold or secured subscriptions to \$50,000.00 of second mortgage bonds, all of the bonds to bear four per cent interest, payable semi-annually and to be sold at par." The special committee told Grand Lodge that although the Endowment Fund of the Home was approximately \$300,000.00, the greater part of which amount had been furnished by Grand Lodge of which \$93,000.00 was held in trust, the Directors had refused to loan Grand Lodge \$200,000.00. They introduced the following resolution:

"Resolved, That said Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, be, and said Board is now requested to surrender and deliver back to this Grand Lodge the said trust fund, and the securities representing the same, being said \$93,000.00 aforesaid, in order that this Grand Lodge may use the same in its interest and in the erection of said proposed Masonic Hall, or Temple; and further, that if, upon application therefor by the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, which he is now hereby directed to make, the said Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary shall fail or refuse to so surrender and deliver up said trust funds and securities, then, that the annual assessment of \$1.00 for each member of subordinate lodges for our Home be no longer paid to said Board of Directors of said Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary until the said bonds and

interest for the erection of the Masonic Hall and Temple shall have been fully paid, and that all of said funds derived, and to be derived, from said assessment, be, and are now pledged for, and are to be used and applied to the payment of said bonds and interest until they shall have been fully discharged and paid off; that after said bonds and interest shall have been fully paid and discharged, any excess of said funds, and the assessment aforesaid, shall thereafter be paid and turned over to said Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary as heretofore."

Brother J. P. Arnett offered the following resolution, which after being amended, was adopted:

"Be it Resolved, That the subordinate lodges of the jurisdiction be and same are hereby requested by this Grand Lodge to adopt a resolution, appointing the Grand Master, as their proxy, to vote their respective life memberships in the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, in the election of Directors of said Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary.

"That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to formulate a power of attorney or proxy for the use of lodges and request them to comply with the foregoing resolution by signing said power of attorney or letter of proxy for the purposes aforesaid."

After roll call Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

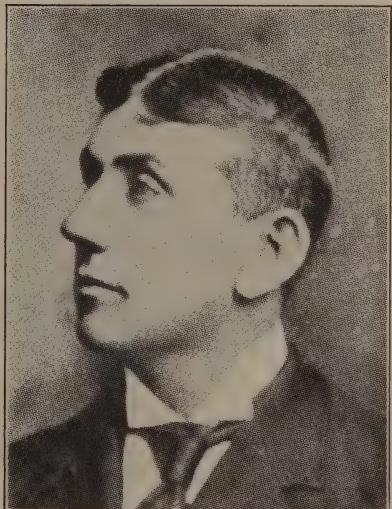
HARRY BAILEY, Grand Master.

H. B. GRANT, Grand Secretary.



## ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Harry Bailey

1902

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Born 1868—Died 1913

No biographical sketch of Brother Bailey is obtainable at this time and no other picture can be secured. The following is gleaned from Grant's Centennial History: He was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, October 14, 1868; graduated from Georgetown College (1890); taught school for two years, then read law and began the practice in Cynthiana (1893); was city attorney two years (1900-01). He was a member of the Baptist Church. He was made a Mason in Favorite Lodge No. 581, October, 1890; exalted in Fleming Chapter No. 71, March 20, 1891; created a Knight Templar in Cynthiana Commandery No. 16, August 1, 1893. Was elected Master of No. 18, 1896; High Priest of Cynthiana Chapter No. 17; Commander of Cynthiana Commandery No. 18.

The first Grand Master, William Murray (1800), Hiram Bassett (1861), and Harry Bailey, Grand Master (1901), were probably the only bachelors who became Grand Masters.

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FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1902

The One Hundred and Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was held in Music Hall, north side of Market Street, between First and Second Streets, Louisville, commencing Tuesday, October 21, 1902, and was opened in ample form at 10 o'clock a. m.

Grand Officers present:

Harry Bailey .....	Grand Master
John W. Landrum .....	Deputy Grand Master

Owen D. Thomas .....	Grand Senior Warden
Roland H. C. Rhea .....	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers .....	Grand Treasurer
Henry B. Grant .....	Grand Secretary
James W. Staton .....	Grand Chaplain
Joseph H. Ewalt .....	Grand Senior Deacon
J. H. Florence .....	Grand Junior Deacon
J. R. Coleman .....	Grand Marshal
T. P. Posey .....	Grand Sword Bearer
J. F. Cruickshank .....	Grand Pursuivant
Joseph T. Davidson .....	Grand Tiler

Fourteen past grand masters and eleven past masters were also in attendance.

Grand Master Bailey delivered his address, in which he reviewed his official acts and doings for the past year, and stated that, "All interests have enjoyed and still enjoy a wonderful growth and prosperity, and Freemasonry in this state has likewise been awake to the times, fully grasping the opportunities at its doors. I desire to congratulate you upon this growth and upon the peace and harmony which have prevailed during my incumbency, and welcome you to this annual communication. While the reports which come to the Grand Secretary show that constituent lodges of the state have done much work this year, and that we have been very prosperous, for which I congratulate you, still the year has been filled with anxiety and much care to the Grand Officers and the Building Committee of 'The Masonic.' That building is now almost completed and speaks for itself; still as it now stands it has cost the Building Committee much trouble, worry and many meetings during the past year to consider this work and numerous plans in this great undertaking."

The Grand Master also reviewed the matter between the Grand Lodge and members of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home. This breach, he was glad to say, had been entirely healed and all differences amicably adjusted (see Proceedings 1901, pages 53 and 54, and Proceedings 1902, pages 6 and 7). Regarding this he had sent a circular letter to the lodges in Kentucky. A special committee to whom all matters concerning "The Masonic" should be referred was appointed.

Respectful reference was made to Masonic dead, and numerous decisions reported. Attention was also called to Regulation 17 of the Digest and Code, which gives the lodge the power to solely judge the qualifications of a candidate. He also called attention to Section 12, Article XI, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, which defines a Masonic lodge.

During the year the Grand Master granted dispensations to seven new lodges (see Secretary's report). Issued his proxy to

Past Grand Master J. H. Leathers to install H. B. Grant as Grand Secretary for the term beginning January 1, 1902, he being duly bonded. Approved the bond of John Leathers as Grand Treasurer.

Granted permission to Shelby Lodge No. 662, Waddy, Kentucky, to circularize the Craft for funds with which to rebuild a hall destroyed by fire. Received a communication from Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina, inviting delegates to a universal congress of Freemasons, but did not make appointments.

Granted seven dispensations to various lodges to perform numerous transactions, and gave four proxies to brothers to represent him in various events.

The salary of Miss Hosken, secretary to the Grand Secretary and the Building Committee, was increased from twenty-five dollars per month to thirty-three and one-third dollars.

On May 5, the charters of the following lodges were arrested: Cadiz No. 121, Hustonville No. 184, Temple Hill No. 276, Highland No. 311, Manchester No. 316, Farmington No. 382, Breedings No. 516, Ashlar No. 531, Vienna No. 648, Crotona No. 671, in all ten, for non-payment of dues. Within two weeks afterwards, all but Manchester No. 316 and Ashlar No. 531 paid up with five-dollar fines imposed.

Committee, composed of Brothers McChord, Mayes and Stearman, serving on George C. Breckinridge Monument Fund, were instructed to proceed with the work and make report at next meeting of Grand Lodge.

On May 5, W. H. Meffert, Christian Jenne, C. C. Vogt, George Gaulbert, and W. B. Hoke were elected Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home for three years, the Grand Master voting one thousand and two proxies, holding these from different lodges, alive and defunct. He also advised all lodges in the state to take part in the election of Home Board Directors.

The Grand Master visited twelve different lodges and witnessed degree work. Also visited Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville and the Widows and Orphans' Home at Louisville, concerning both of which he made favorable comment (see pages 20, 21 and 22, 1902 Proceedings), extending praise to Superintendent Isaac A. Kelly of the latter. Matters concerning these Homes were referred to special committees.

Grand Treasurer John H. Leathers submitted his report which showed receipts to have been \$40,762.09; expenditures \$26,629.33; balance \$14,132.76. Resources of the Grand Lodge were: 5 shares stock Louisville Banking Co., in liquidation, par value \$100 each upon which dividends, in liquidation, equaling 70 per cent have been paid; 14 shares stock Frankfort Masonic Temple Co., cost \$350, value nominal; 2 shares stock in Parkland Masonic Temple

Co., cost \$100, value nominal; cash on hand October 1, 1902, \$14,132.76.

Grand Secretary H. B. Grant submitted report from which the following excerpts are taken:

"Under orders of Grand Master Ramsey, I undertook to prepare a history of the doings of the Grand Lodge from its organization, to be published with our annual Proceedings. The most careful condensation I was able to make failed to reduce the annals to a compass that admitted of their being printed with a single year's Proceedings, therefore, they have appeared in series. When completed a few extra copies of the printed work, with numerous portraits and illustrations, will be prepared at my own expense for those brothers who have ordered them."

The new Temple not being ready, the Grand Secretary secured Music Hall for three days and nights for \$60.00.

Confusion in lodge post offices and meeting places occurring, the Grand Secretary attempted to obviate. Correspondence on this subject was held with fifty-seven different lodges.

Charters of ten lodges were arrested on May 6, 1902, because of non-compliance with Article XI, Section 18, paragraph 7, but were later restored with the exception of two (see Grand Master's report, this session).

Under Article XI, Section 17, sub-section 2, the Grand Secretary sold the hall and lot of East Owen Lodge No. 411, defunct, for \$150.00 cash, this value being placed on the property in former returns of the lodge.

To the Committee on Appeals were referred those of M. W. Penn vs. T. W. Wash Lodge 430, J. T. Stone vs. I. T. Martin Lodge 459, C. H. Johnson vs. Pellville Lodge 667; W. S. Berkley from the action of Alma Lodge 322 in the matter of Raymond Knox; Anderson Lodge 90, regarding A. M. McGaughey.

To the Committee on Finance: Explanation of the representative of Rush Lodge 715, concerning his absence at roll call in 1901; relating to fine imposed on Crotona Lodge No. 671; petition filed by Elkin Lodge 696 asking remission of fine; refused.

To the Committee on Foreign Correspondence: Proceedings of other Grand Lodges; notice from Grand Lodge of Tennessee of its action denouncing the use of cipher rituals; from the Grand Lodge of Canada that it had withdrawn the warrant of the "Royal Solomon Mother Lodge No. 293," Jerusalem, Palestine; notices from the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, and from the United Grand Lodge of England, concerning the death of our Brother, President McKinley.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence: Petition of Thacker Lodge 710, defunct, also its petition, with documents, concerning its restoration or being given a dispensation, which was refused by the Grand Master; petition of Sievers Lodge No. 491 for change

of name to Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 491; petition of Woodstock Lodge No. 639 to change place of meeting.

To Committee on Lodges U. D. were referred papers in the following cases: McChord, Short Creek, Doric, Pierce, Jachin, Suburban, Sacramento, Utica, Island, Tompkinsville, Oneida, Floral, all wanting charters; request of St. Andrews Lodge for new charter to replace old one much defaced.

Chartered lodges set to work: Red Bush No. 721, Wingfield No. 723, Jackson No. 731, Dundee No. 733, Pleasant Ridge No. 734, Middletown No. 732.

Thirty lodges took advantage of "days of grace" and settled their delinquencies, while ten are yet behind with their dues. Three lodges made no returns.

Grand Master Bailey announced the appointment of the following committees:

Finance—John A. Ramsey, Robert S. Burnam, James Sowards.

Appeals—E. B. Beard, George B. Winslow, L. M. McCarthey.

Foreign Correspondence—James W. Staton, J. Deshler, J. D. Landrum.

Library—H. B. Grant, James W. Staton, P. F. Purguson.

Credentials—Henry Bostwick, D. W. Peed, George Taylor.

Lodges U. D.—H. H. Holeman, J. Tom Martin, B. F. Bedford.

Visitors—W. LaRue Thomas, A. A. Hazelrigg, E. S. Mayes.

Widows and Orphans' Home—Geo. A. Lewis, C. L. Dudley, W. A. McLeod.

Old Masons' Home—James D. Black, J. D. Dye, A. H. Bryant.

Necrology—Thomas Todd, J. S. Bailey, L. L. Lowe.

"The Masonic" Report—H. R. French, B. M. Arnett, Robert E. Woods.

George A. Lewis (4) presented a resolution asking for an appropriation of four hundred dollars (\$400) for the Mt. Vernon Association. Adopted.

Past Grand Master McChord, for Committee on "The Masonic," made lengthy report, which was referred to special committee. (See Proceedings 1902, pages 34, 35 and 36.)

George A. Lewis (4) introduced a resolution that the Grand Secretary present grand masters with jewels instead of gavels.

Past Grand Master French, for Committee on Old Masons' Home, made report, which was referred to special committee. (See Proceedings, pages 37 and 38.)

Brother William Ryan (8) announced that the children of the Home would give an entertainment to the delegates and friends at the Auditorium at 2:30 p. m., and invited representatives of the Grand Lodge to be present.

Various notices of lodge meetings were read stating that communications would be held in their halls Wednesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, and inviting visitors.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to resume business at 9:30 Wednesday morning.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1902

### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at the stated hour with stations occupied by regular officers.

Past Grand Master Staton presented report for Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to be printed as an appendix to Proceedings. He also moved that when the Grand Lodge closes on Thursday it be closed until the next stated communication. Motion carried.

Brother Robert E. Wood (400) presented resolution barring saloonkeepers from membership in any lodge in Kentucky. Referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

Brother James Keeley (130) presented resolution providing that two unfavorable ballots be necessary to reject a candidate's petition. On recommendation Committee on Jurisprudence resolution was not adopted.

Brother Walter Brock (637) presented resolution requiring visitors to lodges to show dues receipts. Referred to Committee on Jurisprudence. Not adopted.

Past Grand Master Fisk moved that the election of officers be made special order for 10:15 o'clock. Carried. The following brethren were elected: John W. Landrum (679), Mayfield, Grand Master; Owen D. Thomas (87), Lebanon, Deputy Grand Master; Roland H. C. Rhea (66), Morganfield, Grand Senior Warden. Further elections deferred.

Application for remission and exemption from dues paid to Grand Lodge on seven members confined in lunatic asylums. Referred to Finance Committee. Adopted.

Representatives of Lodges Nos. 61, 104, 157, 537 and 562 were, on motion made and carried, excused from answering roll call.

Brother E. B. Beard, for Committee on Appeals, reported three decisions. (See pages 40 and 41 of Proceedings.)

Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock and continued the election of officers with the following result: James Garnett, Jr. (96), Columbia, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers (376), Louisville, Grand Treasurer; Henry B. Grant (400), Louisville, Grand Secretary; Rev. James S. Chandler (374), Auburn, Grand Chaplain; Joseph T. Davidson (8), Louisville, Grand Tiler. The

Grand Secretary appointed James A. Hodges (4), Frankfort, Assistant Grand Secretary.

Memorials, petitions, and appeals were introduced and referred to proper committees.

Committee on Credentials reported favorably on seating representatives of 474 lodges.

Ion Lodge No. 301 asked that its name in charter be changed to Little Hickman. Granted.

Breathitt Lodge No. 649 asked change in charter of its meeting place. Granted.

Brother George A. Lewis (4), for Committee on Masonic Homes, submitted report, action on which was made special order of business for Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

Brother G. Allison Holland offered the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Resolved, That the Constitution be so amended that the Grand Chaplain and the Grand Tiler shall be appointed by the Grand Master, but no appointed officer shall have a vote as such, nor shall it be necessary for the Grand Chaplain or the Grand Tiler to be past masters." Referred.

Committee on Jurisprudence, by Past Grand Master Orndorff, presented report, which was adopted. (See Proceedings, pages 47, 48, 49, 50 and 51.)

Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment until Thursday morning.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1902

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:15 o'clock.

Brother J. M. Beatty (213) presented resolution to amend Constitution. Referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

Brother James M. Howard offered resolution thanking Grand Treasurer J. H. Leathers for procuring one-fare round-trip tickets over all railroads for all delegates attending Grand Lodge. Carried.

Brother Charles Blanford (228) offered preambles and resolutions as to prize-fighting. After discussion said resolutions were rejected.

Past Grand Master Todd, for Committee on Necrology, presented report. Same was adopted.

Past Grand Master Ramsey, for Committee on Finance, made extended report, which was adopted. (See pages 53, 54, 55 and 56 of Proceedings.)

Past Grand Master Black reported for Committee on Old Masons' Home. Said report was adopted. (See pages 56 and 57 of Proceedings.)

Past Grand Master H. H. Holeman, for Committee on Lodges U. D., presented report recommending that charters be granted to Doric No. 737, Pearce No. 738, Jachin No. 739, Suburban No.

740, Utica No. 742, Island No. 743, and that Tompkinsville, Short Creek and Sacramento Lodges be continued U. D. until next annual session. McChord Lodge U. D., at Harlan, also be continued and allowed to dispose of property. Dispensations were recommended for Upton, Oneida and Floral Lodges, and a new charter for St. Andrews Lodge No. 18.

Brother McCarthey, for Committee on Appeals, presented supplemental report, wherein he quoted Article XIV, Section 1, of the Constitution, which provides that "no appeal shall be considered by the Grand Lodge unless the same is received by the Grand Secretary on or before the Saturday preceding the meeting of the Grand Lodge." Appeals coming in after that time are referred to the next annual session.

The Committee on Widows and Orphans' Home reported that they "found Superintendent Isaac A. Kelly watchful of the mental, physical and spiritual welfare of every child and widow of the Home, bestowing upon them as much kindness as though they were his own child and mother." The committee also recommended the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of three to investigate the management of the Home Printing Office and the Masonic Home Journal, and report at the next session of the Grand Lodge, with such recommendations as they may deem expedient to submit. Adopted.

Past Grand Master Orndorff, for Committee on Jurisprudence, presented supplemental report. (See page 61 of Proceedings.)

Past Grand Master French presented report on "The Masonic" (see Proceedings, pages 62 and 63) special committee report, from which is quoted: "In the exercise of discretionary power, the standing committee has displayed sound judgment and a sincere desire to subserve the best interests of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. We, therefore, recommend that the work of the committee be approved, and that it be continued in charge of, and empowered to complete the work as designed." Adopted.

Past Grand Master J. D. Landrum (679), father of John W. Landrum (679), installed his son as Grand Master of Kentucky. In doing so he said: "I have not prepared an address, and I only desire in my feeble way to express my appreciation to my beloved brethren for this, your highest gift and my greatest honor. The inspiration is not lacking, but my tongue refuses to speak that which my heart deeply feels."

Most Worshipful Grand Master John W. Landrum then installed O. D. Thomas, Deputy Grand Master. Past Grand Master W. LaRue Thomas installed the other grand officers, elected and appointed (except the Grand Secretary who is installed in December). The grand officers are: John W. Landrum, Mayfield, Grand Master; Owen D. Thomas, Lebanon, Deputy Grand Mas-

ter; Roland H. C. Rhea, Morganfield, Grand Senior Warden; James Garnett, Jr., Columbia, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Louisville, Grand Treasurer; Henry B. Grant, Louisville, Grand Secretary; Rev. James S. Chandler, Auburn, Grand Chaplain; J. M. Andrews, Wingo, Grand Senior Deacon; R. E. Staton, Brookville, Grand Junior Deacon; Wm. Ryan, Louisville, Grand Marshal; Dave Jackson, London, Grand Sword Bearer; J. S. Kimmel, Henderson, Grand Pursuivant; Joseph T. Davidson, Louisville, Grand Tiler.

In conformity with the resolution of the Grand Lodge, Grand Secretary Grant presented a past grand master's jewel to retiring Grand Master Bailey.

Committee on Necrology made supplemental report concerning the death of Isaac H. Caldwell, who died October 7, 1902, and Daniel Hubbard, who died March 17, 1902.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committees:

Finance—H. R. French, Mt. Sterling; F. H. Johnson, Frankfort; J. A. Ramsey, Owingsville.

Jurisprudence—W. LaRue Thomas, Pittsburg, Pa.; B. G. Witt, Henderson; J. Soule Smith, Lexington.

Appeals—E. B. Beard, Shelbyville; J. R. Coleman, Paducah; L. M. McCarthey, Maysville.

Foreign Correspondence—J. W. Staton, Brookville; Thomas Todd, Shelbyville; P. F. Purguson, Mayfield.

Masonic Printing Office and Masonic Home Journal—Geo. A. Lewis, Frankfort; John D. McIntire, Owingsville; H. H. Moore, Louisville.

Proposed Constitutional amendment not reported in time to get into the minutes.

Roll call and representatives from Lodges Nos. 71, 217, 260, 416, 458, 607, 703 and 724 did not answer.

Grand Lodge closed in ample form.

JOHN W. LANDRUM, Grand Master.

H. B. GRANT, Grand Secretary.



## ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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John W. Landrum

1903

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Born 1861—Died 1914

John Walden Landrum, son of Dr. James D. Landrum, Past Grand Master (1864), was born August 31, 1861, at Mayfield, Ky. His business was that of an accountant and secretary of corporations. He married Mary B. Hale, to which union two sons were born. Some years after her death, he married Miss Bessie B. Hale, June 27, 1904. Died March 14, 1914.

Brother Landrum was made a Mason April 1, 1891; a Royal Arch Mason (1893); received the orders of Knighthood (1893); the Scottish Rite, to the 32nd degree (1893), and was crowned the 33rd degree (1897). He was Master of Lodges Nos. 269 and 679, High Priest (1894), Commander (1897), Grand Master and Grand High Priest (1903), Deputy Grand Commander (1904), having served as presiding officer of the "York Rite" subordinate bodies (excepting that of the Council), and was a communicant of the "Christian Church" ("Disciples of Christ"). As Grand Master he dedicated the Masonic Temple on Chestnut Street near Fourth Avenue.

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### FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1903

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky held its One Hundred and Third Annual Communication in its new temple, commencing Tuesday, October 20, 1903, and was opened in ample form on the third degree at 10 o'clock a. m., with the following officers present and occupying their respective stations:

John W. Landrum .....	Grand Master
Owen D. Thomas .....	Deputy Grand Master
Roland H. C. Rhea .....	Grand Senior Warden
James Garnett .....	Grand Junior Warden

John H. Leathers .....	Grand Treasurer
Henry B. Grant .....	Grand Secretary
James S. Chandler .....	Grand Chaplain

The Grand Master read his address, which was distributed to proper committees.

Of the then living twenty-three past grand masters, twenty-two were present, Brother James A. McKenzie being absent. Twenty-four past masters were registered in the Grand Secretary's office.

In opening his address Grand Master Landrum spoke as follows:

"As becometh Masons, we have reverently listened to the invocation by our Most Reverend Grand Chaplain, and responded 'So mote it be.' I devoutly hope that this indicates our hearts' gratitude for the blessings that have been poured upon the Craft and our country, and I pray that the Grand Architect of the Universe may ever plan and direct the building of our moral and Masonic characters, so that we shall at last meet with his approval."

He informed the Grand Lodge that the program for the dedication of the new temple that afternoon was in the hands of a committee, headed by Isaac T. Woodson, the result of whose "good taste and labors would be self-evident."

Speaking of seats for representatives he cited Rule 9 of the Constitution which reads: "The past grand masters and representatives of subordinate lodges shall each have seats assigned them by the Grand Master, according to rank and seniority." Although attempts to have this done had repeatedly been made, without success, he directed the Grand Secretary to attend to the matter. He recommended that as "the printing is now done by the Home printing office, as provided for in the Constitution, at a fixed figure, that the Constitution be so amended that it will admit of competitive bids for Grand Lodge printing."

He granted sixteen dispensations to lodges to publicly install officers, and to five lodges to solicit aid, and four to appear in public. Speaking of the Old Masons' Home and the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, he said: "Too much cannot be said, nor has enough been said, in praise of the Directors of these Homes, whose unselfish, voluntary and efficient services have been given without remuneration, with the same business skill and sagacity as would guide them in their individual affairs, and given with a punctuality and precision which merits from this Grand Body its profoundest thanks." In conclusion he said:

"Brethren, my labors and duties as your Grand Master will soon be over and I wish to utilize this opportunity to thank you for the honor conferred, for the courtesies received and for your loyal support. Among the long list of my illustrious predecessors

there is one of whom I am permitted to speak, and I am especially grateful because of the fact that you had previously honored my now venerable father in like manner and who inducted me into the chair that many years ago had been graced by him."

The Grand Treasurer's report indicated:

Receipts .....	\$28,547.69
Disbursements .....	11,227.01
Balance in Treasury .....	\$17,320.68

Grand Secretary H. B. Grant made his report which showed that three lodges had suffered the loss of their charters due to failure to pay Grand Lodge dues as required by the Constitution.

Nineteen lodges changed place of meeting and five lodges were granted charters and set to work. Four lodges were authorized to continue work after having lost their charters by fire.

After an address by Judge Robert Worth Bingham, Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock, Wednesday, October 21.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1903

### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:30 o'clock. Greenup Lodge No. 89 applied for a new charter, and requested permission to retain its old, defaced charter, as a souvenir. The matter was referred to the Committee on Lodges U. D.

Geo. A. Lewis, for the Committee on the Masonic Home Printing Office, presented the report for that committee, which was adopted. Reciting the fact that the Journal had a regular issue of 21,350 copies, and believing that a greater volume of advertising could be obtained if the columns were reduced to standard width, the committee made the following recommendation:

"We would recommend that the columns of the paper be reduced to the standard measure of 13 ems pica and the number of columns per page be increased to five, as thereby much additional space for advertising and miscellany will be gained."

W. M. Boyle, of Owensboro Lodge No. 130, offered an amendment to the Constitution in relation to balloting for candidates. It was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The hour for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the brethren named below were duly elected for the ensuing Masonic year:

Owen D. Thomas, Grand Master.

Roland Harmon Clark Rhea, Deputy Grand Master.

James Garnett, Jr., Grand Senior Warden.

Past Grand Master J. Soule Smith, for the Special Committee on the death of Past Grand Master Jas. W. Staton, pre-

sented their report, which was adopted by a rising vote. The report contained the following resolution:

"Resolved: That in the death of our beloved brother we have suffered serious loss, and Masons everywhere will mourn with us. Let these feeble words be spread upon our records, that those who shall come after us may know we loved and honored him."

A lengthy report by the Building Committee for the Masonic Temple was presented by Past Grand Master Chas. H. Fisk, and adopted. The cost of the building, complete and furnished, was \$239,946.94, exclusive of the cost of the land, which cost \$26,250.00.

Past Grand Master Thos. S. Pettit, for the Committee on Necrology, asked that the committee be granted one week within which to prepare their report and have the same printed with the Proceedings. Request granted.

W. R. Johnston, for the Committee on the Old Masons' Home, submitted their report, which was adopted. The report in part was as follows:

"We have carefully examined all details in connection therewith and find the farm and Home in splendid condition and prospering, the inmates happy and comfortable, properly and kindly cared for. At an expense of \$500.00 a new dining room, 24x40 feet, has been built, and the accommodations increased so that double the number of inmates can now be accommodated at very nearly the same expense as it has heretofore required for eight of our brethren. All Kentucky brethren who have applied for admission, and been found worthy, have been accepted, and preparations are now being made to receive them. This will increase the number at the Home to fifteen.

"The dairy farm has been considerably increased during the past year by the purchase of new stock, and shows receipts amounting to nearly \$2,300.00; the total receipts from the farm being about \$2,900.00. Expenses nearly \$4,500.00.

"The entire management of the Home and farm property reflects great credit upon Brother Shafer, Superintendent; and this Grand Lodge cannot too highly commend the work of the Directors, who have so ably and faithfully performed their various and numerous duties.

"We would recommend that the brethren take up the consideration of the erection of new and modern buildings on the farm within the next two years. The buildings there, while in good condition, are old and constantly require repairs to keep them in condition. To this end the St. John's Day League, of Louisville, has donated \$500.00 for a new building, and this money has been set aside in the Building Fund."

The committee further recommended that a "free-will offering be taken up in all the lodges in the state on the 27th day of December and the 24th day of June, 1904." They also urged

that "lodges and brethren who subscribed to the fund for the establishment of the Home pay subscriptions without further delay, that the object, as originally intended, may be accomplished."

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock p. m.

The following officers were elected:

Samuel K. Veach, Grand Junior Warden; John Hess Leathers, Grand Treasurer; Henry Bannister Grant, Grand Secretary; Rev. Jas. Wm. Rogers, Grand Chaplain; Joseph Thormeyer Davidson, Grand Tiler.

James Allie Hodges, Hiram Lodge No. 4, Frankfort, was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.

Brother J. H. Thorne offered an amendment to the Constitution, relating to the restoration of suspended members. Referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock, Thursday morning.

#### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1903

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 10 o'clock a. m.

E. B. Beard, for the Committee on Appeals, submitted its report, which was adopted. Past Grand Master James D. Black, for the Special Committee on the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

"Your Special Committee has found nothing connected with the management of the Widows and Orphans' Home which suggests the necessity of legislation at this time, or which seems to call for remedy.

"On the contrary, those in immediate charge of the affairs of the Home have been, and are, we believe, vigilant and painstaking. They are doing the best they can to promote the good of all concerned, and to effectuate the aim and purpose of this noble charity.

"The Directors, actuated by the spirit of the genuine Mason, perform, with unfaltering fidelity, the trusts confided to them, and with diligent devotion their earnest labor of love for the widow and orphan. In this splendid and self-sacrificing work they seem to not grow tired. They share with the Masonic heart of this great state the increasing demand which this magnificent institution is making upon our generous love and watchful care.

"Brethren, our Widows and Orphans' Home is the monument to Kentucky Masons. Its conception was an inspiration; its maintenance a duty upon all of us. And the glorious future which, we trust, is in store for it, is foretold by the gratifying fact that the chasing years show no abatement but rather a strong growth of interest in its welfare."

Past Grand Master W. LaRue Thomas offered the following amendment to Section 6, Article VII, of the Constitution:

"Provided, That if he shall remain suspended for more than two years from and after this date, he can only be restored to good standing on payment of the dues charged against him at the time of his suspension, and being re-elected to membership by unanimous ballot, at a stated meeting, one month's previous notice having been given by petition in open lodge."

Past Grand Master Howard R. French submitted the report of the Committee on Finance. The report was a lengthy one from which we excerpt the following paragraph entitled Constitutional Amendment—Economy—Biennials:

"We concur in the suggestion of the Grand Master in regard to the remuneration of the Grand Treasurer. The present incumbent has generously declined to claim any pay for the work and responsibility attendant upon the receipt and disbursement of the Masonic funds, and for this he merits our gratitude. But to provide against future questions as to the Grand Treasurer's legitimate commissions we recommend that Article V, Section 6, of the Constitution, be so amended as to read 'The salary of the Grand Treasurer shall be five hundred dollars per annum.'

"We also concur in the recommendation that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be abolished, and in lieu thereof we recommend that Article VI, Section 1, P. 4, be amended by striking therefrom the words 'a Committee on Foreign Correspondence,' and substituting therefor, 'a Reporter of Foreign Affairs.'"

The report further stated that an additional \$1,000.00 in rental could be had from lessee of the theatre, "upon condition that the existing contract is so modified as to permit the production of plays on Sunday, the use of the theatre on Sunday being now restricted to sacred concerts and like entertainments."

Referring to that part of the report touching the use of the theatre on Sundays, Grand Junior Warden James Garnett moved "That this hall (theatre) shall not be opened on Sundays for any purpose except religious services." The motion was adopted unanimously.

Past Grand Master Wm. W. Clarke made the report for the Committee on Lodges U. D. The report recommended that twelve lodges working under dispensation be granted charters. It further recommended the granting of four new charters to old lodges.

The circumstances under which a new charter was granted L. M. Cox Lodge No. 327, located at Crofton, Kentucky, were rather unique. We quote the report:

"That Lemuel R. Davis be its Master; Davis T. Cranor its Senior Warden, and Alfred R. Dearmond its Junior Warden. The conditions attending the granting of this charter, so far as it is known to your committee, are unique. Officers of the lodge were regularly elected and installed on December 27, last; afterward the charter was destroyed by fire, and application made to the Grand Master, for a dispensation authorizing the lodge to continue at work until the next communication of the Grand Lodge, was granted. Afterwards the Master, to whom with the Junior and Senior Wardens the dispensation was granted, died, and the lodge is now under the management and control of its Senior Warden. Your committee understands it to be true that a charter is granted to the master and wardens of the lodge and to their associates and successors. In this instance the lodge has no master. Your committee believes it within the power of the Grand Lodge, inasmuch as the lodge is working under dispensation, to indicate, under circumstances like this, a master to whom with its wardens it may grant a charter, and it has selected the last past master, believing thereby no injustice would be done the Junior and Senior Wardens who were elected to those positions and whom your committee felt it could not, or ought not, be placed in other offices until the period for which they were elected and installed should have expired."

The committee also offered the following resolutions and recommended their adoption:

"Resolved, That the Grand Master, after his installation and before closing the Grand Lodge, shall appoint the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation, and that said committee shall meet in the city of Louisville on the Saturday before the annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

"Resolved, That secretaries of lodges under dispensation, shall, and they are hereby required, to forward to the Grand Secretary the records of their respective lodges in time for same to reach him not later than the Friday immediately preceding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge."

Past Grand Master Howard R. French, president of the Board of Directors of the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky, offered the following which was ordered spread upon the minutes:

"Though the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky is an independent corporation, it is the ward of the Grand Lodge, loyally acknowledging its authority in all matters pertaining to its government. In obedience to this obligation, on behalf of the Board of Directors of that institution, I make report of the conditions of its affairs.

"Although our facilities have been limited, and we regretted our inability to respond favorably to the applications of all worthy petitioners, the condition of those who have been received and the satisfactory manner in which the domestic affairs of the Home have been conducted, should gratify all those interested in its well-being. Additional lodging room has recently been provided, which will accommodate eight inmates, and so soon as those notified arrive, there will be sixteen beneficiaries comfortably located.

"The total number of applications acted upon is twenty-one, and of this number eleven have been taken into the Home, two have died there, and one has been discharged at his own request."

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That an account of the ceremonies at the dedication of the Masonic Home be published with the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and the several brethren making addresses be requested to furnish a copy thereof for publication."

Past Grand Master W. LaRue Thomas installed Owen D. Thomas, Grand Master, who then installed Jas. Garnett, Jr., Grand Senior Warden; Samuel K. Veach, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer, and Jos. T. Davidson, Grand Tiler.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky felicitates on its wise selection of Most Worshipful John W. Landrum as its Grand Master a year since, and now as he retires from the able administration of the difficult duties of his high office the Grand Lodge expresses to him its warmest thanks, congratulating itself that it may still avail itself of his wise counsel."

A past grand master's jewel was presented Brother John W. Landrum by the Grand Secretary.

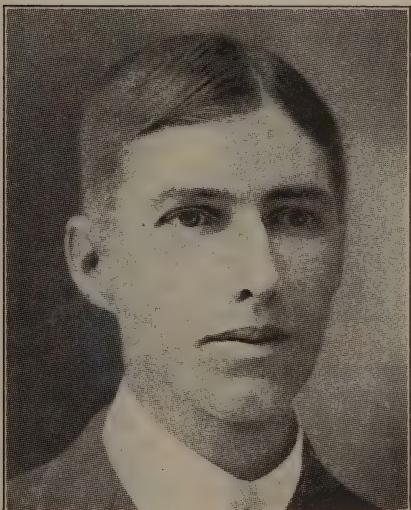
After roll call Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

OWEN D. THOMAS, Grand Master.

H. B. GRANT, Grand Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Owen D. Thomas

1904

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Born 1869—Died 1932

Brother Owen D. Thomas was the son of Judge John R. Thomas and Martha Lindsey Thomas. He was born February 16, 1869, and died June 16, 1932. He received his education at Loenthal's Academy, finishing the prescribed course, after which he became associated with the Marion National Bank at the age of eighteen years, and since that time served in the capacities of teller, assistant cashier, cashier and vice-president. Was president of the Kentucky Bankers' Association for the years 1922 and 1923. From 1906 to 1910 he was Mayor of Lebanon and long a member of the City Council and for several years a director of the Lebanon Water Company. Brother Thomas was made a Mason in Lebanon Lodge No. 87 at the age of twenty-one years; was elected Treasurer of the lodge the same year, an office which he held at the time of his death. He served as High Priest of his chapter; was Thrice Illustrious Master of the Council; a Past Eminent Commander of Marion Commandery, Knights Templar, and in 1903 held the office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. At the time of his death he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville, and treasurer of the permanent fund of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Knights Templar. He was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church and served in the capacity of deacon and treasurer. On February 20, 1896, he married Miss Carrie Phillips, daughter of the late Hugh B. and Elizabeth S. Phillips. An adopted daughter died at the age of nine years. Brother Thomas was laid to rest with Masonic rites in the beautiful cemetery at Lebanon on Friday, June 17, 1932.

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FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1904

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, held its One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication in "The Masonic" Temple, commencing Tuesday, October 18, and was opened in ample form on the third degree at 10 o'clock a. m.

## Present:

Owen D. Thomas .....	Grand Master
Roland H. C. Rhea .....	Deputy Grand Master
James Garnett, Jr. ....	Grand Senior Warden
Samuel K. Veach .....	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers .....	Grand Treasurer
Henry B. Grant .....	Grand Secretary
James W. Rogers .....	Grand Chaplain
James A. Hodges .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
William R. Johnston .....	Grand Senior Deacon
J. A. Stewart .....	Grand Junior Deacon
William Ryan .....	Grand Marshal
John E. Murrell .....	Grand Sword Bearer
William Hobson .....	Grand Pursuivant
Joseph T. Davidson .....	Grand Tiler

Sixteen past grand masters and forty-two past masters were also in attendance.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Owen D. Thomas, delivered an address in which he said:

"We have met once more in that spirit of thankfulness to God, of charity and of brotherly love that perennially characterizes our Craft. Our gratitude is especially profound for the prosperity of our nation and state, for the continuance and healthy growth of the fraternity within this jurisdiction, for the harmony that has existed within our ranks, and for the consequent increased opportunities for usefulness that have been afforded us. May we in humility and sincerity 'thank the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men.' The process of time develops and enriches rather than diminishes those feelings of charity and brotherly love that have ever been vital within our fraternity. \* \* \* \* In this annual communication may our deliberations be conducted with a mind to the responsibilities that are upon us. May they be consonant with the high ethical purposes of our noble order. May the glory of an honored past be an effectual inspiration to us, so that we may turn from a brilliant retrospect to see, with prophetic eye, a no less brilliant prospect. \* \* \* \* The relentless hand of death has taken from us brothers whose absence is keenly felt, whose advice, encouragement and companionship are sorely missed, whose influence for the good and for the happiness of others within this community will be hard to supply. They have joined 'the choir invisible of those immortal dead that live again in lives made better by their presence.' Among those who have passed away, the Grand Lodge lost three deeply beloved and much respected members, J. Soule Smith, James A. McKenzie and Charles M. Hobson, of which I have issued official notices to the Craft."

The Grand Master reviewed, construed and made recommendations concerning a number of proposed constitutional amendments.

He also reviewed several actions of the Committee on Appeals and made decisions on the same. (See Proceedings 1904, pages 11 and 12.) He issued the following order: "When remission of dues, fines or forfeitures are made, the fact of payment ought to appear in the account of the lodge affected."

Believing that many lodges do not keep their books properly, he directed the Grand Secretary to obtain forms, account books, etc., with printed instructions pasted in the books.

In granting dispensations for new lodges he made them agree that they will not be an expense to the Grand Lodge; in other words, that their representatives to the Grand Lodge shall not draw out more, as mileage and per diem, than is paid in by said lodges. He recommended that the Finance Committee investigate and revise the mileage list.

Bonds of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary were approved.

Dispensations for public installation of officers were granted to seventeen lodges. Dispensation was granted lodges Nos. 109, 159 and 345 to hold special Masonic service in Covington, June 26, 1904; and to lodges Nos. 400, 376, 50 and Daylight U. D. to receive more than five candidates at the same meeting in the Entered Apprentice degree. Many other dispensations for minor purposes, numerous requests to confer degrees out of time were denied.

Eight proxies were issued to brothers to represent the Grand Master at various functions.

On January 15, in Daylight Lodge U. D., Louisville, the Grand Master installed Henry B. Grant as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. Visited nine lodges and was compelled to decline a number of invitations. In one lodge he succeeded in settling a personal difficulty between two of its members, thus restoring peace and harmony among the brethren.

The question of "How ought Master Masons wear their aprons?" was treated at some length by the Grand Master (see Proceedings 1904, pages 18, 19 and 20). The Grand Master is here quoted as saying: "The apron, as an emblem of innocence and of Masonic skill, is worn by Master Masons with the bib down; but to them it has an additional significance as a badge of rank when worn with left corner up. Precedents and reasons influence me in believing that Master Masons, as skilled workmen, wear their aprons as do the Fellow Crafts, bib down and flowing freely; but when desired, they may be worn with the corner up as a badge of rank."

In reference to foreign grand bodies the Grand Master said: "The reports of foreign correspondence embraced only the grand lodges in America, with England and its dependencies. We belong to a fraternity that boasts of its universality; therefore, I believe that all legitimate grand lodges, who profess faith in God and accept the Holy Bible as a great light, should be recognized by us. I received communications from the Grand Orient of Brazil, the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, and the Grand Lodge of Queensland applying for recognition by this Grand Lodge. I recommended that the report of the proceedings of other grand bodies be published in the Masonic Home Journal instead of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge."

Referring to "The Masonic," the Grand Master expressed himself as follows: "We have a beautiful Masonic Temple. It was almost the unanimous demand of the Grand Lodge that this building be erected. It has cost us about \$267,000.00. The entire building has not yet been rented, and the report of the trustees for the year ending October 1, 1904, shows that the amount received from rents, etc., exceeds expenses by \$1,727.73, but the interest on our debt has been paid by borrowing more money. The building cannot be self-sustaining until the expense and indebtedness are considerably reduced. \* \* \* \* You will have a detailed report from the trustees of 'The Masonic' to which I hope you will give especial attention. In order to reduce this indebtedness some legislation is necessary."

During the past year the Grand Master attended two meetings of the Board of Directors of the Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville. The first meeting was on May 31, and the other on August 16. At the first meeting Brother H. B. Shafer, Superintendent of the Home, handed in his resignation. At the next meeting Brother A. T. Heinrich of Fayette county was elected to succeed him.

The Widows and Orphans' Home at Louisville received special attention of the Grand Master, who said: "The Masons of Kentucky have builded wisely and well in their Widows and Orphans' Home. Each year of its existence adds to their glory and renown. Standing out, as it does, a safe shelter to all those entitled to its protection and care, it reflects back its own splendor upon those by whose beneficence it exists. And as year succeeds year, we have cause to congratulate ourselves on still greater improvement in its management. We find going out from its precincts, where love and virtue abound, girls who make happy wives and mothers, and boys who take high rank as men in the world of business and usefulness, who, but for the loving care and careful training received at the Home, on being left alone in the world to meet the vicissitudes of life during their tender years, would in all human probability, have failed to

reach such desirable stations in life or of human endeavor. During the year I have enjoyed several visits to this lovely place and each time was received by Brother Kelly and his good wife with the same cordial greeting. \* \* \* \* My brethren, it is an honor to be Superintendent of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and it is a pleasure to have the love of children, but Brother Kelly also has responsibilities. It is our duty to assist him in every way possible. I have not been as intimately associated with the Board of Directors of the Home as I had wished to be, but having full confidence in them, I can only say they have done their work well. I suggest that the ex-officio members of the board attend the meetings as frequently as possible. If this is done the board might get some new ideas and the officers of the Grand Lodge become better informed."

Past Grand Master Bailey introduced resolutions, which were adopted, wherein the Grand Lodge devotedly responds "so mote it be" to Grand Master Thomas' opening remarks, and assigned the different topics treated to proper committees, including constitutional amendments, decisions, dispensations, other than dispensations to new lodges, proxies and aprons.

Grand Treasurer John H. Leathers presented his report, which was referred to the Finance Committee. This report showed:

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer at the close of session 1903 (see Proceedings, page 89), \$12,237.23; Receipts—Divided 5 shares stock Louisville Banking Co., in liquidation, \$37.50; account of dues, \$18,384.50; total, \$30,659.23.

Disbursements—"The Masonic," \$4,000.00; mileage account and per diem, \$37.44; postage, \$137.97; printing and stationery, \$1,345.48; salary and appropriations, \$2,155.00; expenses, \$1,149.87; total, \$8,826.76; balance, \$21,832.47; grand total, \$30,659.23.

Resources of the Grand Lodge: Cash on hand, \$21,832.47; 14 shares of stock Frankfort Masonic Company, cost \$350.00, value nominal; 5 shares stock Louisville Banking Company in liquidation, par value \$100 per share upon which 92½ per cent has been paid in liquidation.

Grand Secretary H. B. Grant submitted his report from which is quoted: "I regret to report that my assistant Brother James Allie Hodges is unable to be present at this session. We will miss his pleasant countenance and his absence will prove a serious disadvantage to my work."

Speaking of the library and museum, Brother Grant says: "In addition to numerous periodicals and proceedings constantly being received, and a large number of magazines and papers furnished by the Masonic Club for use of the library, we are indebted to Brother H. S. Irwin for securing from the War Department 127 volumes of the 'Official Records of the Union and

Confederate Armies.' The sword of Grand Master Daviess has been kept, hid from mortal eyes, in the vault at Masonic Home. Now that we have an attractive place for its keeping, you may think best to authorize it being placed in our museum. The library fund receipts were \$218.43; disbursements, \$187.84; balance on hand, \$30.59."

Lodges suspended: Estes No. 692 was "suspended from all Masonic work" October 21, 1903, and cited to appear at this session to show cause why its charter should not be arrested.

Charters surrendered: Adairville Lodge No. 238 surrendered its charter September 28, 1904, and sent in books and papers. Longview Lodge No. 416 surrendered its charter May 14, 1904, paying up all indebtedness and shipped effects to Grand Secretary. Garfield Lodge No. 630 surrendered its charter, record book and seal July 25, 1904. Burgin Lodge No. 709 surrendered its charter December 13, 1903, and rendered an account of its belongings.

Lodges arrested: Caneyville Lodge No. 168 and Carter Lodge No. 458. Lodges No. 391 and No. 567 were arrested May 19, 1904, for non-payment of dues and restored by the Grand Master June 4 and 6, 1904, on payment of the account due. Caney Fork Lodge No. 477, arrested August 4, 1900, sent in one dues book, one record book and jewels.

Mark Tyler Lodge No. 319 was authorized to move from Wallonia to Cobb, Ky., January 9, 1904, and Bethany Lodge No. 560, asked permission to move from Bethany to Caney Fork Church.

Charters burned: T. L. Jefferson Lodge No. 622, burned July 3, 1904, authorized to continue July 7, 1904; Cromwell Lodge No. 692, burned June 11, 1904, authorized to continue June 16, 1904; Dublin Lodge No. 727, burned November 8, 1903, authorized to continue November 25, 1903.

Lodges U. D.—Dispensations were granted and new lodges instituted as follows: Elk Fork, Daylight, Wilmore, Folsomdale, Water Valley, Hebron, Ludlow, Fannin Valley, Hickman, New Bryantsville (see Proceedings, page 32).

Lodges chartered and set to work: Sacramento 735, Oneida 736, L. N. Hull 741, Short Creek 744, Bernstadt 745, Latonia 746, Glendale 747, Floral 748, Shiloh 750, Lovill 751 and Font Hill 752 (see Proceedings, page 33).

The Grand Secretary reported having (under direction of the Grand Master) purchased 70 record books and ledgers of approved patterns for use by subordinate lodges. The cost of the seventy books was reported as \$99.75. Twenty-one books were reported sold for a total of \$38.00, leaving a cost for books on hand of \$61.75.

To the Board of Appeals had been referred papers as follows: Woodbine Lodge 623 vs. Cooper Lodge 668; Pinnacle Lodge

661 vs. Hiram Lodge 4; Albert McConnell vs. Shady Grove Lodge 559, and M. H. Ferguson vs. Estes Lodge 726 (see Proceedings 1903, page 45).

Proceedings and correspondence from fellow grand lodges and various communications were mailed to Past Grand Master William W. Clarke. Requests for remission of fines were referred to the Finance Committee, and some other matters to Committee on Jurisprudence.

Grand Master Owen D. Thomas re-announced the following committees:

Appeals—L. M. McCarthey, John H. Cowles and R. B. Burnam.

Finance—H. R. French, W. W. Rubel and James A. Ramsey.

Jurisprudence—Charles H. Fisk, G. A. Holland and B. G. Witt.

Foreign Correspondence—W. W. Clarke, W. A. Rosenham and R. M. Hocker.

Lodges U. D.—John G. Orndorff, A. H. Bryant and E. S. Mayes.

Visitors—W. H. Meffert, Thomas Todd and George A. Lewis.

Credentials—J. W. Muir, Jr., Joseph H. Ewalt and P. F. Purguson.

The Grand Master also appointed the following special committees:

Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home—R. R. Rossell, J. T. Carter and W. P. Ross.

Old Masons' Home—H. A. Hodge, J. H. Florence and H. Bostwick.

Necrology—T. L. Jefferson, J. E. Wilhelm and Thomas S. Pettit.

Work—J. W. Hopper, John H. Leathers, H. B. Grant, F. C. Gerard and James Keeley.

The Masonic—H. H. Holeman, Daniel Peed and R. E. Woods.

Staton Library—F. H. Johnson, Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

Grand Senior Warden Garnett offered a preamble and resolutions (see Proceedings 1904, pages 35, 36 and 37), setting forth a detailed plan for the education of the members of subordinate lodges, which Brother Garnett insisted would result in uniform work without violating the obligations of the E. A. Degree, which were referred to the special Committee on Work.

Past Grand Master French, for the Committee on Finance, submitted a report (see Proceedings 1904, pages 37, 38 and 39), which was adopted.

Grand Secretary Grant moved that the Building Committee be instructed to audit and report to the Grand Lodge. Carried.

Past Grand Master Orndorff, for the Committee on Lodges U. D., submitted a report, and the same was concurred in (see supplemental report for changes).

Past Grand Master Hopper for special Committee on Work, stated, "We concur in the pertinent reasoning of the Grand Master and the plan suggested by the Grand Senior Warden in their main features."

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1904

### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:55 o'clock.

Past Grand Master Hopper renewed his motion that the matter of considering the OB be now taken up and concluded.

Past Grand Master Fisk moved that this Grand Lodge declares that the E. A. OB forbids the printing, writing or making ciphers of any part of the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. Adopted.

Past Grand Master Holeman moved that the Grand Lodge go into election of officers at 11 o'clock. Adopted.

Brother J. W. Muir, Jr., for the Committee on Credentials, made report, which was adopted. The credentials of 481 representatives were found correct.

Brother R. R. Rossell for Committee on "Our Homes" made report, which was adopted, stating, "Your committee feels that the Grand Lodge is to be congratulated in the efficiency of its Board of Directors, as their management indicates by vigilance and works, of which they never tire."

Brother Frank H. Johnson for Committee on Staton Library made a report, which was adopted (see Proceedings 1904, page 47).

The following officers were declared duly elected: R. H. C. Rhea of Morganfield, Grand Master; James Garnett, Jr., of Columbia, Deputy Grand Master; Samuel K. Veach of Carlisle, Grand Senior Warden.

Motions to call off were non-concurred in.

Past Grand Master Fisk for Committee on Jurisprudence presented report.

Grand Lodge was called to refreshment at 12:45 until 2:00 o'clock p. m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Election of officers resumed with the following result: Henry P. Barret of Henderson, to be Grand Junior Warden; John

H. Leathers of Louisville, to be Grand Treasurer; Henry B. Grant of Louisville, to be Grand Secretary.

Consideration of the report of Committee on Jurisprudence was resumed (see Proceedings 1904, pages 48, 49 and 50), and report adopted.

Past Grand Master Orndorff, for Committee on Lodges U. D., made supplemental report, which was adopted, recommending that charters be granted to the following lodges: Tompkinsville 753, Hickman 761, Wilmore 762. Also recommended other applications to the Grand Master (see Proceedings 1904, page 51).

Past Grand Master Hopper reported for the Committee on Work, recommending the adoption of preamble and resolutions introduced by Deputy Grand Master James Garnett, Jr. (see Proceedings 1904, pages 52 and 53), but this plan was never put in operation.

Brother H. L. Taulbee (725) offered the following amendment to Article VIII of the Constitution, which was referred to Jurisprudence Committee:

"Section 8. No person who is a bartender or dealer in spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, shall hereafter be ineligible to degrees or membership in a Masonic lodge in this grand jurisdiction."

Recommends no action be taken, that each lodge can determine the qualifications of the applicant.

A short report on matters relative to the Old Masons' Home was read and concurred in (see Proceedings 1904, page 54).

Committee on Appeals, Brother McCarthey, chairman, reported: The action of Shady Grove Lodge 559 be sustained; that of Pinnacle Lodge 661 vs. Hiram Lodge 4 be dismissed; the decision of the Grand Master in the case of Cooper Lodge 668 vs. Woodbine Lodge 623 be approved, and recommended that the charter of Estes Lodge 726 be arrested. (See details of these cases in Proceedings of 1904, pages 54 and 55.)

Past Grand Master Wilhelm presented report on necrology, the same being adopted.

Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1904

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

Brother Carlton offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas, Those who have been raised and educated in the Home and have gone out into the world in various avocations, quite a number of them have organized a club or association, known as the Guild; be it

Resolved, That this Guild Club be given a place on the first day of the Grand Lodge, along with the children, to show the finished product of our "jewels" annually that we may view them.

Brother Chilton (249) offered the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence:

Whereas, Garfield Lodge 630, having surrendered its charter and paid all dues in full, and

Whereas, It is impossible for the officers of the said lodge to grant themselves demits; therefore, be it

Resolved, "That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge be instructed to issue demits to the officers of said lodge without cost."

Brother C. H. Thomas (506) introduced resolution regarding dates of election of officers laid over till next session (page 58 of Proceedings 1904).

Woodbine Lodge 623 asks for rehearing in case of its difference with Cooper Lodge 668, was not properly before the committee and is now referred for further consideration.

Committee on Jurisprudence granted a new hearing to the members of Thacker Lodge in a case vs. Stafford Lodge and returned them their charter.

Consideration of whether the Grand Lodge meet biennially instead of annually was postponed indefinitely.

Past Grand Master F. C. Gerard installed Brother R. H. C. Rhea (66), as Grand Master, who then installed Brother James Garnett, Jr. (96), as Deputy Grand Master. Brother Gerard then installed Samuel K. Veach (65), Grand Senior Warden; Henry P. Barret (9), Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers (376), Grand Treasurer; James W. Rogers (719), Grand Chaplain; J. S. Linebaugh (669), Grand Senior Deacon; W. C. Brown (335), Grand Junior Deacon; G. T. Berry (453), Grand Marshal; Clarence Moreland (371), Grand Sword Bearer; John M. Campbell (705), Grand Pursuivant; Joseph T. Davidson (8), Grand Tiler.

Grand Secretary Grant presented a past grand master's jewel to retiring Grand Master Owen D. Thomas in conformity with the regulations of the Grand Lodge. Brother W. W. Rubel presented him with a Knights Templar cross.

Past Grand Master Fisk presented report of Committee on Jurisprudence (see Proceedings 1904, pages 60 and 61), which was adopted.

Past Grand Master French submitted report of Committee on Finance (see Proceedings 1904, pages 61, 62 and 63), which was adopted.

Past Grand Master French presented his report as president of the Old Masons' Home, from which is quoted:

"Since its establishment there have been twenty-eight applications for admission, of which only one has been rejected, and one is now pending, awaiting investigation. Six approved applicants did not enter, one was discharged at his own request, one on account of lunacy and five have died. There are now thirteen old brethren sheltered and comfortably provided for within its walls."

Past Grand Master Clarke presented his report on foreign correspondence, which was adopted.

Past Grand Master Fisk submitted a lengthy report for the Board of Trustees (see 1904 Proceedings, pages 64, 65, 66 and 67), which was adopted.

Brother Robert E. Wood for the special committee submitted a lengthy report on "The Masonic," which was adopted (see Proceedings 1904, pages 67, 68, 69 and 70), in which it is stated: "We have examined the books and accounts of the trustees covering a period beginning October 8, 1903, and ending October 15, 1904. We have found proper vouchers covering all expenditures for that period and the books properly and accurately kept."

Past Grand Master Landrum presented resolution publicly testifying the high appreciation of the services of Grand Master Owen D. Thomas. Adopted.

On recommendation of the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary was authorized to employ such assistance for the Grand Tiler as may be necessary to enable him to perform his duties.

Grand Master Rhea appointed the following committees:

Jurisprudence—B. G. Witt (9), Henderson; J. G. Orndorff (17), Russellville; John A. Ramsey (55), Owingsville.

Finance—H. H. Holeman (143), Madisonville; Charles Skillman (133), Cloverport; John T. Funk (760), Louisville.

Appeals—W. C. McChord (50), Springfield; H. A. Hodge (82), Princeton; David Dye (52), Maysville.

Lodges U. D.—J. E. Wilhelm (449), Paducah; W. D. Cannon (256), Marion; J. H. Pendleton (288), Pembroke.

Reporter of Foreign Correspondence—W. W. Clarke (130), Owensboro.

Staton Library—Grand Master Rhea, H. B. Grant, F. H. Johnson.

Trustees of The Masonic—T. L. Jefferson, B. B. Davis, S. A. Lederman, Louisville; Charles H. Fisk, Covington; W. M. Wright, Morganfield.

The Grand Secretary appointed Brother James A. Hodges assistant Grand Secretary, which appointment was confirmed.

Roll was called and those failing to answer after a second call were Lodges Nos. 201, 209, 220, 271, 343, 386, 395, 457, 630 and 711.

Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

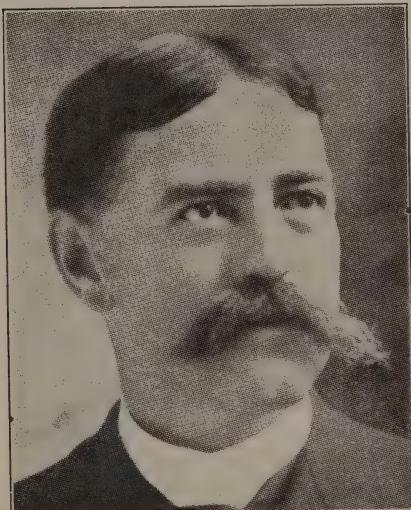
R. H. C. RHEA, Grand Master.

H. B. GRANT, Grand Secretary.



# ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Roland H. C. Rhea

1905

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Born 1858

Past Grand Master Dr. Roland H. C. Rhea was born November 5, 1858, in Calhoun, Kentucky. His father moved to Union County, Kentucky, while he was an infant; and most of his life was spent there. He was educated in the common schools, and in Austin's Military College at Morganfield, Kentucky. He graduated from the Medical Department, Vanderbilt University; and practiced his profession in Union County, Kentucky, for thirty years, and then retired. He was married to Miss Cattie Brooks of Dixon, Kentucky, July 1, 1878. To this union two children were born, Col. R. Y. Rhea of the U. S. Marine Corps and Mrs. B. S. Johnson of Highland Park, Illinois. He received the Blue Lodge degrees in Morganfield Lodge No. 66; the Chapter degrees in Union Chapter, and the Council degrees in Henderson Council; the Commandery degrees in Alida Commandery No. 21; the Scottish Rite degrees from  $4^{\circ}$  to  $32^{\circ}$  in Grand Consistory of Kentucky and subordinate bodies; the Shrine degrees from Kosair Temple. He was elected to receive the Honorary degree of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor by the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the U. S. A. in 1899. He was elected by the same Ecdy to receive the 33rd degree October, 1901; and the degree was conferred upon him May 2, 1902. He was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky October, 1901; and passing through the several Chairs was elected Grand Master of Kentucky October, 1904.

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## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1905

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, met in annual communication in the Masonic Temple on Chestnut, near Fourth Street, Tuesday, October 17, 1905, A. L. 5905, and was opened on the M. M. degree in ample form at 10 o'clock a. m., with the following Grand Officers present:

Roland H. C. Rhea .....	Grand Master
James Garnett .....	Deputy Grand Master
Samuel K. Veach .....	Grand Senior Warden
Henry P. Barret .....	Grand Junior Warden

John H. Leathers ..... Grand Treasurer  
H. B. Grant ..... Grand Secretary

Nineteen out of the then living past grand masters were present—approximately ninety per cent, while thirty-three past masters were registered in the Grand Secretary's office.

After felicitating the brethren upon the prosperity (how we in the good year 1935 long for the 1905 prosperity) which had attended them throughout the year, and upon the peace and harmony which had universally prevailed between the subordinate lodges and the friendly fraternal relations existing between Kentucky and the other grand jurisdictions of the United States, he delivered the following gem of oratory:

"Time has no past, neither has it any future; but only an eternal, everlasting present. The past has disappeared as a shadow of a spirit, the future never arrives; the eternal, everlasting present is ours. Therefore, if we have any great work to perform; if we would assist in making the world brighter and better; and our fellow-creatures wiser and happier; if we would carry into effect the grand principles and truths of Freemasonry; let us do so now, for tomorrow may be too late."

He noted that Past Grand Master James D. Landrum's death was the only one during the year who was officially connected with this Grand Lodge. He issued an official notice to the Craft January 20, 1905, and he recommended that a memorial page be set aside in the printed proceedings to his memory.

A constitutional amendment offered by Brother Thomas of Kilwinning Lodge No. 506 at the 1904 session of Grand Lodge, having been approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, was recommended to Grand Lodge for action. The resolution was adopted by Grand Lodge, and has to do with election of officers of subordinate lodges, permitting them to "elect officers at the last stated meeting preceding December 27." This has since been further amended.

Grand Master Rhea said he would probably go down in Masonic history as the only grand master Kentucky ever had who made no decisions which he deemed necessary to report. He granted nine dispensations for new lodges, and each lodge was required to pledge "that for two years its representative would not draw more as mileage and per diem than his lodge pays as dues." He recorded a letter from the Finance Committee certifying to the correctness of the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Secretary's office.

He also reported that the fidelity of the Grand Secretary had been guaranteed by the issuance of a bond by a Baltimore company for the sum of \$10,000.00. A number of dispensations were granted and proxies issued. He authorized the Grand Treasurer to pay a note of Grand Lodge for \$3,500.00. On March 27, 1905,

he authorized Grand Secretary to "procure iron boxes of suitable size in which the grand officers might safely keep bonds and other valuable papers."

The charter of Warren Lodge No. 53 was arrested by Grand Master because of gross unmasonic conduct. He regretted that "owing to pressure of business, my visitations have not been as extensive or numerous as I could have wished." He reported having, in company with Deputy Grand Master James Garnett, Grand Junior Warden Henry P. Barret and H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary, visited the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, where they were cordially welcomed by the Superintendent, "Brother I. A. Kelly and his most excellent wife." They were conducted through the buildings on a tour of inspection and "found everything in the very best condition and the children happy, healthy and contented."

Because of the increasing number of clandestine lodges then in existence, and because many other states required documentary evidence of membership in a lawful and regularly constituted lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, he recommended that "the Grand Jurisdiction of Kentucky pass such a law, requiring 'documentary evidence of visitors.'" He further recommended, that, because a number of masters and secretaries of subordinate lodges "have become indifferent, negligent and careless in properly inquiring into the qualifications of candidates for admission to our Home, and in filling out the necessary blanks, this should be rectified by regulation, with some penalty attached, holding masters and secretaries of subordinate lodges responsible to Grand Lodge for a faithful performance of their duties." He paid tribute to the Widows and Orphans' Home and made an eloquent plea for financial support for the Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville. The Board of Directors of the Widows and Orphans' Home came in for praise, and after complimenting Capt. H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary, he said in conclusion:

"I am now about to return to you the emblem of Masonic power, but before doing so, permit me to express to you my grateful and heartfelt thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me, the highest honor that could be conferred upon any man by any body of men, the Grand Mastership of Kentucky Masonry. If I have fallen short of the standard of my predecessors or of your expectations, it has not been for the want of zeal in your interest. I have tried faithfully to perform every duty as light has been given me to see it, pleasant or unpleasant. I have zealously guarded your interest to the best of my ability; I have dispensed justice to all without regard to person; and have in all things done my best. It is left to you and to posterity to judge my work. Again extending you my grateful thanks for the honor you conferred upon me one year ago, and asking the bless-

ing of Heaven upon you all, I close this report of my official acts as your Grand Master."

John Hess Leathers, Grand Treasurer, presented his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Receipts of the year were listed as \$39,235.61.

Disbursements, \$27,209.82.

The summary of statistics furnished by the Grand Secretary showed that in 1904:

Lodges on roll .....	486
Lodges granted dispensations .....	11
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Total .....	497
Charters arrested .....	2
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Leaving on the roll .....	495
Initiated during year .....	2,311
Admitted .....	593
Reinstated .....	447      3,351
	_____
Dead .....	391
Expelled .....	22
Suspended .....	629
Demitted .....	700      1,832
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Net gain in membership .....	1,519

The Grand Secretary reported ten lodges under dispensation, two charters burned and eleven lodges chartered and set to work.

Notice was given that the children of the Home would give an entertainment to the Grand Lodge at 2 o'clock p. m. Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1905

### MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, October 18, 1905, Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock a. m. Reading of the minutes of the previous day was, on motion, dispensed with, inasmuch as the same were printed and distributed. A message of condolence was sent Grand Senior Deacon Linebaugh upon the death of his father.

Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm, for the Committee on Lodges U. D., presented their report, which was adopted. Past Grand Master Owen D. Thomas moved that the election of officers be made a special order of business for 9:45 o'clock. Adopted.

Past Grand Master Henry Bostwick, for the Committee on Credentials, made their report, which was adopted. The Board of Trustees of the Masonic, through their chairman, Brother T. L. Jefferson, offered the report of that body. The chairman reported that in order to secure tenants, the Board of Trustees was compelled to make improvements at an expenditure of \$1,154.31. The report said it was hoped that the "few changes needed to make the building more convenient in arrangement and consequently better adapted for the purpose for which it is intended, will be made during the coming year."

The hour fixed for the election of grand officers having arrived, the following were declared duly elected: James Garnett, Grand Master; Samuel K. Veach, Deputy Grand Master; Henry P. Barret, Grand Senior Warden; Virgil P. Smith, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer; Henry B. Grant, Grand Secretary.

Brother E. B. Beard, for the Committee on Appeals, presented their report, which was adopted. Brother G. Allison Holland offered the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted. A petition for a new lodge at Jeffersontown was received and referred to the Committee on Lodges U. D. Brother John G. Cramer introduced a resolution containing endorsement of Grand Lodge of the movement sponsored by Lexington Lodge No. 1, to arouse the citizens of Kentucky to the importance of restoring to its former beauty the monument erected to the memory of Past Grand Master Henry Clay in the cemetery at Lexington. Past Grand Master Thomas S. Pettit offered an amendment which was adopted. The resolution as amended was unanimously adopted. Past Grand Master Howard R. French offered the report of the Committee on the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, which was adopted. In the opening paragraph the report says: "That anything like a thorough examination of the affairs of the Home by this committee is not possible in the short time at our disposal, nor do we think it is contemplated. They are in the hands of brethren of such approved wisdom, integrity and sound judgment, possessing in the highest degree the confidence of the Craft, that no concern is felt, nor doubt entertained, as to the welfare of their wards and the conscientious and intelligent discharge of the duties imposed." The report closed with the following resolution:

"Resolved, That whenever the Board of Directors shall represent to the Grand Master that a subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction has knowingly misrepresented the age or financial condition of any applicant to the Home, it shall be his duty to arrest the charter of the said lodge and cause it to be cited to appear at the next session to show cause why the charter shall not be revoked." The report of the Committee on Necrology was

offered by Past Grand Master W. LaRue Thomas, and adopted. Grand Lodge of Ohio sent fraternal greetings by telegram. Grand Lodge of Kentucky replied by telegram cordially reciprocating the fraternal greetings. Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge was opened in form at 2 o'clock, at which time Past Grand Master W. LaRue Thomas moved to reconsider the vote fixing the time of closing this session of the Grand Lodge on Wednesday. Motion was adopted. Grand Lodge then re-adopted the motion that when the Grand Lodge adjourns to-morrow (Thursday) it adjourn sine die. Past Grand Master Thomas S. Pettit offered a resolution having to do with the removal of the master of Warren Lodge No. 53, for admitting gross unmasonic conduct, and praising the Grand Master's action in arresting the charter of said lodge. Deputy Grand Master Garnett, presiding, decided "that while the law provided a brother must have notice and an opportunity to be heard, or the matter come up on appeal, the master of Warren Lodge had admitted his guilt before a trial committee; and this is an emergency case of such a nature, that the motion having been duly made and seconded, he would put it to vote and declare the result." Whereupon Brother Pettit's motion was unanimously adopted by rising vote. Report of the Finance Committee was made by Brother J. T. Funk for the committee, and the same was adopted. The committee was composed of Brothers J. T. Funk, Charles B. Skillman and H. H. Holeman, the latter of whom had served as Grand Master in 1894, and we are pleased to record in this year of 1905, that Brother Holeman is private secretary to his Excellency, Brother Ruby Laffoon, Governor of the State of Kentucky. Getting back to the report of the committee, we call attention to a paragraph headed "The Masonic," the building located on Chestnut Street near Fourth Avenue, at that time owned by Grand Lodge. "The revenue from this building," said the report, "is gradually increasing, and we are confident that in time it will become a good paying investment; however, the actual income from this building is not shown from the fact that the Grand Lodge, which occupies a large portion of the second floor, is charged with no rental whatever, consequently this will make a difference of at least \$1,000." (We digress to point out that a detailed report of the finances of The Masonic had been presented by the trustees of the building. It showed a deficit for 1904 of \$5,844.67, and a deficit for 1905 of \$4,080.93. Wages for the year were \$3,054.59, bills payable \$3,500. They showed a balance in bank as of October 11, 1905, of \$156.36.) "We would recommend," the report continued, "that a fair rental

be charged the Grand Lodge for the use of these rooms, so that the actual earning power of said building could be properly ascertained."

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1905

Past Grand Master Harry Bailey, for the special committee on "The Masonic," presented the report for that committee, which was adopted. Brother Thomas S. Pettit, for the special committee on the Old Masons' Home, presented the report for that committee, commanding Grand Master Rhea upon that part of his address which referred to the Home and requested monetary aid from subordinate lodges. The report was adopted. H. H. Holeman offered the report for the Committee on Finance, which was adopted. The following appropriations were recommended:

Grand Master .....	\$300.00
Assistant to Grand Secretary .....	100.00
Assistant to Grand Treasurer .....	40.00
Grand Tiler .....	75.00
Mrs. Mary A. Smith, washing and repairing aprons .....	10.00
W. W. Clarke, foreign correspondence .....	200.00

The committee also recommended that "the sum of \$150.00 be allowed Grand Master-elect James Garnett and Past Grand Master Rhea for clerical assistants during their terms of office." Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm offered an amendment to the Constitution, "that no representative shall draw out as mileage and per diem more money than the lodge paid in as dues." This was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. Brother James Garnett offered a motion "that the collection taken up for the Old Masons' Home be turned over to the local committee engaged in raising a fund for the Home." The amount of the collection was \$132.49. Past Grand Master F. C. Gerard installed James Garnett, Grand Master, who spoke as follows:

"The honor which you have conferred upon me by electing and installing me as your grand master is one which any citizen of Kentucky should be proud.

"There may be other positions within the gift of the citizens of the state to which are attached more power and influence, or larger emoluments, but, in my opinion, the citizens of this state could not confer upon one of their fellow citizens any greater honor than to elect him grand master of the Grand Lodge of the grand old Commonwealth of Kentucky.

"This Grand Lodge being composed of more than five hundred gentlemen, who, on account of their special fitness, have been selected to represent twenty-eight thousand of the best

and most select citizens of Kentucky, have chosen and commissioned me as their chief officer.

"I recognize my inability to fill the position as it should be filled and would not undertake the responsibility but for the knowledge of the fact that I am responsible and must report alone to my brethren and friends. Should I make mistakes I know they will, unhesitatingly, come to my assistance and throw the broad mantle of a Mason's charity around me. I ask you and every Mason to freely and voluntarily make such suggestions and offer me such advice as to you may seem best for the Craft, which I assure you will be as readily received as given.

"I accept the office of Grand Master for the ensuing year and shall endeavor to discharge the duties of the office so that when my term shall have expired, you will not regret having reposed the confidence in me.

"I return to you my heartfelt thanks."

After the other grand officers were installed, Grand Master Garnett appointed the following officers:

Grand Chaplain, No. 96, Rev. J. P. Scruggs; Grand Senior Deacon, No. 87, W. R. Johnston; Grand Junior Deacon, No. 144, Dave Jackson; Grand Marshal, No. 89, John Soward; Grand Sword Bearer, No. 413, V. P. Jones; Grand Pursuivant, No. 219, H. L. Iglehart; Grand Tiler, No. 8, Joseph T. Davidson.

A past grand master's jewel was presented the retiring Grand Master Brother R. H. C. Rhea by Grand Secretary H. B. Grant, who spoke of its symbolism and of the kindly firmness and efficiency of its recipient. Brother Rhea responded as follows:

"Permit me to extend to you my warmest thanks for this beautiful jewel. I shall ever esteem it my chiefest treasure. I shall wear it upon all proper occasions and when my day shall come I shall give it to him whom of all the world I love best."

After roll call Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

JAMES GARNETT, Grand Master.

H. B. GRANT, Grand Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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James Garnett

1906

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Born 1871

Past Grand Master General James Garnett delivered an address at the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Masonic Home, that opened its doors for the reception of residents in 1871, and painted a vivid word picture of a "vision" he had of a million-dollar Home for widows and orphans of Kentucky Masons. The speech aroused a vast flow of enthusiasm, and at the same time were heard murmurs of dissent from the skeptics, who while agreeing that the theory was a beautiful one, frankly admitted it was not at the time susceptible of consummation. Undisturbed, unruffled, our prophet pursued the even tenor of his way, always with his "vision" becoming more clearly etched in his mind. Perhaps his faith in his "vision" remained unshaken and more clearly defined when he recalled that the Atlantic cable was, in the mind of Cyrus Field, first a figment of imagination, a "vision"; when he remembered Brooklyn Bridge, in the mind of its designer, was just a "vision"; when he remembered how, despite scoffers and skeptics, these men, and hundreds of others, had realized their fondest dreams; had lived to execute their ideas and see consummated a cherished ideal; had seen a "vision" transformed into a reality—I reiterate it must have given additional courage to our prophet strengthening his determination to see his "vision" become a reality.

Kentucky Masons are not insensible of their obligation to General Garnett, and the debt of gratitude they owe him; and none so obtuse as to deny the fact, that but for his "vision" there would not now be the magnificent Home we so much admire—a monument to his super business sagacity and a tribute to his fidelity. The Grand Lodge, as a partial recognition of his valuable services, ordered the school building named Garnett Hall.

His plan for obtaining the money to build the Home was to assess every Kentucky Mason \$20.00, to be paid in installments, if that plan best suited the individual. On October 18, 1927, the new Home was dedicated. After the entire plant had been completed and paid for, the Building Committee, of which General Garnett was chairman, had a surplus of \$100,000, which was returned to the Board of Directors, and that in spite of the fact that the grounds and buildings, 22 in number, cost in excess of \$1,905,510.52.

General Garnett was born and reared at Columbia, Adair County; attended the public schools there, and Georgetown College, and in 1893 received his LL. B. degree in the law department of the University of Louisville. In 1897 he was elected County Attorney of Adair County and re-elected in 1901. From 1895 to 1908 he served as a member of the Democratic State Central Committee for the Eleventh District and as Democratic candidate for Attorney General in 1911 was elected by the largest majority of any candidate on the State ticket. In 1895 he was married to Miss Lena Vardeman. He was president of the Kentucky Bar Association in 1929. On Wednesday, October 22, 1902, he was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. On Wednesday, October 21, 1903, he was elected Grand Senior Warden; on Wednesday, October 19, 1904, he was elected Deputy Grand Master, and on Wednesday, October 18, 1905, he was elected Grand Master. He was Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kentucky, R. and S. M., in 1914. In 1925 he served the Grand Chapter of Kentucky as Grand High Priest. Following the death of John Hess Leathers, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, on June 29, 1923, Brother Garnett was appointed Grand Treasurer by Grand Master E. E. Nelson, to fill out the residue of the term. On Saturday, July 7, 1923, Grand Master Nelson installed Brother Garnett as Grand Treasurer in Parkland Lodge No. 638, Louisville, in which capacity he has served Grand Lodge since that time.

The One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Session of Grand Lodge was held in Louisville, Kentucky, commencing Tuesday, October 18, 1927. At the afternoon session, Wednesday, October 19, Past Grand Master George B. Winslow introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

"Whereas, P. G. M. James Garnett, in December, 1917, at a meeting held at the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Founding of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary of Kentucky, presented to that meeting a vision of a new Home and Infirmary, which he then prophesied would be built by the Masons of Kentucky within fifty years at a cost of One Million Dollars; and at an Annual Communication in 1918, addressed this Grand Lodge on the subject whereby the Grand Lodge saw fit to appoint a committee to enquire into the propriety of building a new Home.

"Whereas, He has devoted the past ten years of his life to bringing about a fulfillment of that prophecy, and through his tireless and efficient labors he has caused this new Home to be erected at a cost of approximately Two Million Dollars and within ten years from the time when the prophecy was first made and no suitable provision has as yet been made to commemorate his valuable labors rendered to the Masons of Kentucky.

"Therefore be it Resolved, That as a partial recognition of the services rendered by Brother Garnett in the erection of this Home, that the Building Committee of the Home be, and it is hereby authorized and directed to designate the Educational Building, now upon the grounds of the Home, as Garnett Hall, and that these words be properly carved thereon and that a tablet suitably engraved in his honor be placed in or upon the building."

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Speaking of the New Home Brother Garnett once said: "The purpose of the Home is not only to educate and train our children spiritually, mentally and physically, but also to teach them some trade or encourage their pronounced vocational talents so that in later years they may be self-supporting. We have a barber shop, a printing plant, a shoe shop, a manual training department, and stenography and other subjects are on our school curriculum, but unfortunately we lack one thing—we have no place to instruct our girls in the art of being good housewives, and it is my hope that we will some time be able to erect a building where we can teach girls domestic science, and all the essentials which go far in making for a harmonious home in later years." The General in addition to having all the degrees in Masonry except the 33rd is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Knights of Pythias.

I trust the Craft will deal gently with my very inadequate biography of General Garnett. It was deserving of a better fate. It should have been written by an expert, not by a novice. The character of the man—his big-heartedness, his benevolence, his achievements—the noble impulses that motivated his career, were entitled to far greater praise than our feeble pen was able to produce. Of course many nice things have been said and written about him. That was all very well. But with all that has been said and all that has been written, "The Half Has Never Yet Been Told."

## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1906

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky convened in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, Tuesday, October 16, 1906, A. L. 5906, and was opened

in ample form on the third degree at 10 o'clock a. m., with the following officers presiding in their respective stations:

James Garnett, Columbia .....	Grand Master
Samuel Keene Veach, Carlisle .....	Deputy Grand Master
Henry Pendleton Barret, Henderson .....	Grand Senior Warden
Virgil Pendleton Smith, Somerset .....	Grand Junior Warden
John Hess Leathers, Louisville .....	Grand Treasurer
Henry Bannister Grant, Louisville .....	Grand Secretary
and all appointive grand officers.	

The Grand Master read his address, which was distributed to the proper committees.

Of the twenty-three then living past grand masters, twenty were in attendance and only three, viz.: James D. Black (1888), Robert Francis Peak (1896), and Roland Harmon Clark Rhea (1904), were absent.

The oldest living past grand master present was Brother Thomas Todd, a member of Solomon Lodge No. 5, located at Shelbyville, who served as grand master in 1853. He had been a regular attendant on Grand Lodge sessions since 1846, and enjoyed the peculiar distinction of having attended sixty-one consecutive sessions of Grand Lodge, a distinction shared by no other grand jurisdiction. He was considered the world's oldest living past grand master.

Grand Master Garnett extended a cordial fraternal greeting to Grand Lodge officers, delegates, and visitors. He then continued: "My brethren, we have not left the shop, the office, the factory, or the farm, to assemble for pleasure alone; we are here for a purpose—to do something for God, our fellowman and ourselves. We have most important labors to perform. We are to blaze a path to be followed by our children's children. What we do will become history. Then, if we are to write history, let us write it well, without undue favor or affection. We are not time-servers; we are the servants of a noble cause. Let us be about our Master's business."

He noted the passing of Joseph T. Davidson, Grand Tiler, "who for many years was our faithful guard at the outer door."

He appointed H. H. Erdmann, Grand Tiler.

A number of proxies were issued and dispensations granted, fifteen of which dispensations were to lodges to publicly install officers on December 27. Nine new lodges were granted dispensations to work, as follows: Smith Lodge, Russell; Mercer Lodge, Harrodsburg; Merrimac Lodge, Merrimac; Pilot Lodge, Bighill; Kevil Lodge, Kevil; Hardin Lodge, Hardin; LaCenter Lodge, LaCenter; Rockhold Lodge, Rockhold.

Finding that there was in the treasury of the Grand Lodge more money than was necessary to defray current expenses during the year, and to prevent accumulating of interest, he drew

a warrant on the treasury for \$20,500 to pay one of the notes held by the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home Board.

He directed the Grand Secretary to arrest charters of those lodges that had not paid their fines for failure to pay their Grand Lodge dues.

Speaking of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, the Grand Master said:

"Among the first communications received after I was installed was one from an ex-employee of the Home making complaint about the management of the internal affairs of the Home. I caused a thorough investigation to be made, all the parties being present and the entire evidence heard being reduced to writing, which resulted in a complete refutation of the charges, and demonstrated the admirable management of the affairs of the Home. In order that nothing be hid from the Craft I submit herewith the complete record which will be submitted to the appropriate committee and can be read by anyone desiring to do so. In this connection I desire to tender the directors of the Home and Superintendent and all the attaches of the Home my thanks for the courtesies shown me during the past year."

He spoke of the Old Masons' Home, Shelbyville, as follows: "This institution was established by voluntary contributions made by Kentucky Masons and by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and is maintained, in part, by the products of its farm. At the last session of the Grand Lodge, June 24 was set apart to be celebrated for the benefit of the Old Masons' Home, and as directed by Grand Lodge, I addressed a communication to the Craft on January 1, 1906, calling attention to the action of the Grand Lodge, requesting every lodge to raise some money for this charity, and to immediately report to the Grand Secretary. I am informed by the Grand Secretary that forty-three lodges, with other Masonic bodies and brethren, have reported the collection of over \$4,000, which is in his hands subject to the orders of this Grand Lodge, in addition to the subscriptions made direct to the Board of Directors, the amount of which will be reported to you."

Speaking of the San Francisco earthquake, he described its horrors and told of the suffering of thousands of members of the Craft. He also told Grand Lodge he drew an order upon Grand Treasurer for \$300 as a "contribution to a relief fund," and wrote the Grand Master of California "that the Masons of Kentucky not only sympathized with the unfortunate ones of his jurisdiction, but that other contributions would follow." He received from the Grand Master of California, Motley H. Flint, a letter expressing his heartfelt appreciation of the generosity of Kentucky Masons.

Several lodges lost their charters by fire and in each instance were given authority to continue work until the 1906 session of

Grand Lodge. Several lodges were visited officially and a number of decisions given. He was requested by several lodges to construe an amendment to the Constitution, Section 6, Article VIII, which reads as follows:

"Any brother suspended for non-payment of his dues shall be suspended only until payment is made; and the payment of the amount charged against him, according to the by-laws of his lodge shall restore him to full membership without any action upon the part of the lodge. Provided, that if he shall remain suspended for more than two years from and after this date, he can only be restored to good standing on the payment of dues charged against him at the time of his suspension, and being re-elected to membership by unanimous ballot, at a stated meeting, one month's previous notice having been given by petition in open lodge."

Said the Grand Master, "This section, as amended, is construed to mean just what it says, and I held that anyone suspended or remaining suspended after October 21, 1905 (two years after the passage), could regain his Masonic standing only by paying all the dues charged against him, filing his written petition, which should be referred to an investigating committee. After the report of the committee the ballot should be spread. In other words, I am of the opinion that it was the intention of Grand Lodge when it adopted this amendment to require the subordinate lodges to exercise the same care and give to its members the same opportunity to use the blackball when called upon to reinstate one who has lost his Masonic connections by failing to pay his dues, as is required when one petitions for membership."

Speaking of "unauthorized books", he said: "Another evil, more serious and threatening than the one above mentioned; one which strikes at the very foundation of Masonry, is the use of 'unauthorized books.'

"Truth is the foundation upon which the beautiful superstructure of Masonry is built, and the Grand Lodge should not adjourn until it has taken some determined steps to suppress this evil."

We find that the Grand Lodge of 1865 had this question before it and in unmistakable words declared the law in this jurisdiction to be:

"The use of improper and unauthorized books is pernicious in its influence; the purity of Masonry can only be maintained by strict adherence to the ancient teachings of the order. The use of such books by lodge, or member thereof so offending, will be proceeded against by this Grand Lodge, and have its charter arrested." "It seems," continued the Grand Master, "after this declaration of the Grand Lodge, someone in an effort to save

his conscience devised another plan to violate his OB, without subjecting himself to the punishment set out in the 1865 decision, but the Grand Lodge in 1891 met the issue and extended the opinion above referred to, as follows:

"Printing or use of cipher work is not allowable in Kentucky."

Again in 1904, Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution:

"This Grand Lodge declares that the Entered Apprentice OB forbids the printing, writing or making of ciphers of any part of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry."

Grand Master Garnett noted that Preston Lodge No. 281 had fitted up an infirmary; Falls City Lodge No. 376, Louisville Lodge No. 400, Kosair Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, King Solomon Chapter No. 5, Eureka Chapter No. 101, and the Scottish Rite, had each fitted up a dormitory in the Home.

In closing, he said: "The parting, officially, of our ways is close at hand, but before I say the final farewell, I desire to again thank you for the honor you conferred upon me, one year ago, by electing me to the most honorable position in the gift of Kentucky Masons."

John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer, made his report, which upon motion was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Receipts of Grand Lodge for the year were .....	\$25,899.15
Disbursements .....	22,113.07

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Leaving a balance on hand of ..... \$ 3,786.08

Grand Secretary H. B. Grant presented his report, which was accepted and referred to the proper committees.

Speaking of change of location of lodges without authority, the Grand Secretary said:

"Fifty-seven lodges were referred to in 1902 (Proceedings) whose meeting places had been moved without authority of record, and probably without any at all. Their then locations were confirmed—only requiring that their charters be sent up for endorsement according to regulation 658-b. Twenty of the fifty-seven have complied with the regulation. In order that proper record may be made and kept by the Grand Lodge, I suggest that all lodges be required to send an attested typewritten copy of their charters on uniform size paper, for binding, under proper rules, together with a copy of the authority for any change of meeting place that may have been granted."

He listed eight lodges as having been granted charters in October, 1905. Under the head, "Disorderly Conduct," he said: "In 1896 it was made the duty of the Grand Secretary to take official notice if a representative became intoxicated while in attendance on Grand Lodge. I suggest that the duty be assigned to some grand officer who would be more likely to see such de-

partures from Masonic obligations, to make report thereon—if occasion required it—which, let us pray, may never come."

His report showed there were then on the roll of the Grand Lodge 501 lodges, but the total membership was not given. However, his report showed:

Initiated .....	2,497
Admitted .....	639
Reinstated .....	429    3,565
Dead .....	392
Expelled .....	44
Suspended .....	615
Demitted .....	913    1,964
Net Gain .....	1,601

Five lodges suffered the loss by fire of their charters. He listed a number of relics, for the museum, one of the number being the sword worn by Col. Jos. Hamilton Daviess who was killed in action at the battle of Tippecanoe. Col. Daviess was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky at the time of his death. The sword was then (1906) 123 years old. A Spanish machete, and other articles from Porto Rico, were presented by Brothers John H. Cowles and Fred W. Hardwick, each of whom subsequently served with distinction the Grand Lodge of Kentucky as its Grand Master. A "stonemason's hammer," made from stone taken from King Solomon's quarry, was presented Grand Lodge by Past Grand Master Frank C. Gerard. Election of officers was made a special order of business for Wednesday, October 17. Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9:00 o'clock, Wednesday, October 17.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1906

### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor on the third degree at 9 o'clock a. m. Brother Hugh M. Grundy, of Springfield Lodge No. 50, was appointed Grand Pursuivant, and he was installed by F. C. Gerard, Past Grand Master.

Past Grand Master Jas. E. Wilhelm, for the Committee on Lodges U. D., made their report, which was adopted. A resolution having to do with the examination of non-affiliates, was introduced by Brother L. G. Matthews, of Lodge No. 344, and was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. The following is the resolution:

"Resolved, That it shall be unlawful for a Kentucky lodge to accept into membership one who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, except where

such manufacture or sale is for medical purposes. And all lodges guilty of violating this edict shall forfeit their charters."

The resolution was offered by Past Grand Master Jas. E. Wilhelm, an enthusiastic prohibitionist, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and made a special order of business for that afternoon at 3 o'clock. It appears that the resolution was not acted upon that afternoon, but was taken up the following morning by the Jurisprudence Committee, who recommended that it be treated as a Constitutional Amendment, which meant it must lay over until the next year's session of Grand Lodge. Of the four decisions rendered by the Grand Master three were concurred in by the Jurisprudence Committee while the fourth was referred to Grand Lodge, for concurrence or non-concurrence.

The hour fixed for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the following brethren were declared duly elected:

Samuel K. Veach, Carlisle, Grand Master; Henry P. Barret, Henderson, Deputy Grand Master; Virgil P. Smith, Somerset, Grand Senior Warden; John H. Cowles, Louisville, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Louisville, Grand Treasurer; Henry B. Grant, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Master Harry Bailey, for the Committee on Credentials, presented their report, which was adopted.

Grand Secretary H. B. Grant presented and read a revised Constitution, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 1:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 1:30 p. m.

Brother Geo. A. Lewis, for the Committee on Appeals, presented their report, which was adopted.

Past Grand Master Pettit moved that all matters relating to the Old Masons' Home be made a special order of business for Thursday, October 18.

Past Grand Master Bernard G. Witt made the report for the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

#### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1906

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock a. m. Brother Geo. A. Lewis offered the report of the Committee on Appeals, and the Grand Master appointed Brothers G. Allison

Holland, James Keeley and Past Grand Master W. H. Meffert, as a special committee on "The Masonic."

Past Grand Master Jas. W. Hopper made the report for the Committee on Necrology, which was adopted. A supplemental report was made by the Jurisprudence Committee. Deputy Grand Master Sam K. Veach moved the adoption of the report, also that the resolution of Past Grand Master Wilhelm, as amended, be adopted as a regulation until next Grand Lodge. There was considerable discussion of the motion. However, the previous question was ordered and the motion adopted.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made that committee's report, which advocated the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada. The report, together with the recommendation, was adopted.

Past Grand Master Thos. S. Pettit, for the Committee on the Old Masons' Home, made the report for that committee, in which he said: "We congratulate the Craft of Kentucky upon the fact that almost one-half of the required sum of \$25,000 has been contributed and is now in the hands of the treasurer, to build a suitable Home for those of our brethren who are without means or relatives to care for them in their declining years. How can we secure the additional \$12,000 to make happy at once these old veterans in our Masonic ranks?" They recommended that "our newly elected Grand Master be requested to forthwith address an appeal to each subordinate lodge under his jurisdiction" asking a "speedy and a generous response to this appeal."

Past Grand Master Howard R. French, for the Committee on Finance, made their report, which was adopted.

Brother R. R. Rossell, for the Committee on the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, offered their report, which was adopted.

Grand Treasurer John H. Leathers moved that the Grand Tiler be instructed to purchase 750 aprons for use of the Grand Lodge.

Brother John G. Cramer, Lexington No. 1, offered the report for the Committee on Clay Monument, which was adopted. Past Grand Master James Garnett then installed Grand Master-elect, Brother Sam K. Veach, who feelingly and beautifully said in part: "I have not prepared anything to say to you which will even approximate an expression of my feelings.\*\*\*\*\*My occupation and environment have not been conducive to the development of speech-making\*\*\*\*\*Let me conclude, my brothers, with this promise—that when my term of office shall come to an end\*\*\*\*\*I will return to you this insignia of station, this emblem of authority and the Grand Mastership of Kentucky as unsullied as this day you bring them to me. With this pledge of fidelity from the depths of my heart I will say again, I thank you."

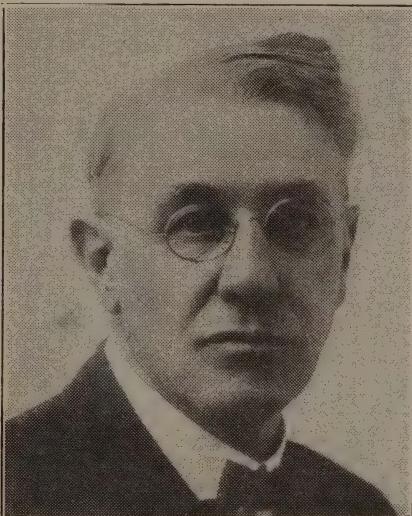
Brother G. Allison Holland introduced a resolution tendering the thanks of Grand Lodge to the retiring Grand Master, James Garnett, for "the able, dignified and conscientious manner in which he has discharged the delicate and responsible duties of his high office." The resolution was adopted.

H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary, presented Brother Garnett with a past grand master's jewel. After roll call, Grand Lodge closed in ample form.

SAMUEL K. VEEACH, Grand Master.  
H. B. GRANT, Grand Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Sam Keene Veach

1907

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Born 1852

Sam Keene Veach, son of Peter Veach and Elizabeth Keene Veach, was born in Augusta, Kentucky, August 27, 1852. Grew up in and near that city. Attended private schools from age of 4 to age of 12. Worked for relatives on farm from age 12 to 15. Clerked in stores in Augusta, Kentucky, and Portsmouth, Ohio, and Carlisle, Kentucky, 1867 to 1882. Married Mollie E. Fisher April 19, 1881. Formed partnership with Gather E. Smith and succeeded James Mann in men's wear business January 2, 1882. Purchased Mr. Smith's interest September, 1901, and still continues in same business in Carlisle, Kentucky. Assisted in organizing Nicholas County Building and Savings Association beginning of year 1883, elected its secretary at organization and December 31, 1932, had finished his fiftieth year in that capacity. He assisted in organization of Graded and High School in 1890 in Carlisle, and has rendered continued service as trustee or treasurer of the schools until this good hour. Has been a member of the Sons of American Revolution for many years. He was initiated, passed and raised in Dougherty Lodge No. 65, December, 1878, and January, February, 1879. Served as Master in 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, and 1902. Passed the chairs in Nicholas Chapter No. 41, R. A. M., Adoniram Council No. 31, R. & S. M., and Carlisle Commandery No. 18, K. T., member of Order of High Priesthood. With the exception from October, 1907, to August, 1910, a member of Board of Directors of the Old Masons' Home from 1903 until the present date. Elected President of the Board 1928, still serving in that capacity. Elected Grand Master in 1906, having been elected Grand Junior Warden in 1903, in the "Masonic" (now Shubert Building). Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Kentucky, 1919-1920. Life member of the Old Masons' Home and of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home. First to suggest the raising of a Million Dollars for new Home by popular subscription among the Craft, coupling the suggestion with first subscription of one hundred dollars, in a letter to P. G. M. Garnett, February, 1917. Became charter member of George Washington Masonic Memorial Association in 1910, having secured one of the first of the 43 memberships first allotted to Kentucky. First Grand Master to advocate High School and other higher education for wards of the Widows and Orphans' Home in an address to Grand Lodge October, 1907.

On his recommendation in 1907, Grand Lodge continued \$1,000.00 per year for 10 years to the Old Masons' Home and in 1917 same \$1,000.00 continued 10 years on his resolution. On his resolution the Grand Commandery at Maysville, in 1907, gave

\$5,000.00 to Building Fund to be paid \$500.00 per year for 10 years. In 1910, on his resolution, as Chairman of the Committee on Homes, Grand Lodge assessed 25c per capita on membership of state for maintenance of Old Masons' Home. He suggested at the meeting of the Grand Chapter in 1907 that \$2,000.00 be added to appropriation to the Old Masons' Home, and in 1909 by resolution secured \$5,000.00, to this Home when under roof. This was paid in 1910.

Brother Veach has, throughout the years, contributed time and money to the cause of Masonry, his main interest being in the Old Masons' Home, Shelbyville, where he has served so zealously those old brethren, who, as the shadows lengthen, and visions of the other shore grow more pronounced, await amid peaceful surroundings, the coming of the Grim Messenger.

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### FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1907

Tuesday, October 15, 1907, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., met in the One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, and was opened in ample form on the third degree at 9 o'clock a. m., with the following officers presiding:

Samuel K. Veach .....	Grand Master
Henry Pendleton Barret .....	Deputy Grand Master
Virgil Pendleton Smith .....	Grand Senior Warden
John H. Cowles .....	Grand Junior Warden

Of the twenty-four living past grand masters, only two were absent. As in 1906, Brother Past Grand Master Thos. Todd was present, making his sixty-second consecutive attendance on Grand Lodge. There were thirty-nine past masters registered. A departure from the ordinary Grand Lodge routine came, when Grand Secretary H. B. Grant offered a resolution praising Past Grand Master Thos. Todd, who lacked only six weeks of being 87 years old, and who had continuously been a member of Solomon Lodge, Shelbyville, for more than sixty years.

Grand Master Veach opening his address, said: "I am so happy to greet you in this, the One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. We have met today under the most favorable conditions, to perform a great labor, under God and for humanity, and I trust every heart is filled with sincere gratitude to the Great Author of our existence for the peace and prosperity which have been lavished upon our nation, our state and beloved Fraternity, for 'surely goodness and mercy hath followed us all the days of our life.'" He noted with sadness the passing of Brother Isaac A. Kelly, Superintendent of the Home, and others who had "passed on." He appointed Brother James R. Rogers, Grand Marshal, following the death of Brother J. R. Coleman.

On the night of May 31st, there was a terrific cloudburst at Gradyville, and out of the twenty who perished, some fifteen were from families of members of Gradyville Lodge No. 251. The Grand Master confirmed the details in a telephone conversation with Past Grand Master James Garnett at Columbia. Brother

Veach requested Brother Garnett to subscribe \$50.00 to the relief fund, which he did. A Grand Lodge warrant for \$50.00 was immediately sent Brother Garnett. On June 14, the Grand Master received a letter from J. R. Hindman, chairman of the Citizens' Relief Committee, saying: "On behalf of the Citizens' Relief Committee, I want to thank you for the donation of \$50.00 paid to me by James Garnett on orders from you. The loss to this community is great, twenty lives and thousands of dollars of property." It might be explained that Gradyville is in Adair County only a few miles from Columbia, the then home of Past Grand Master James Garnett, which explains why Brother Veach made the donation through him.

Grand Master Veach reported that the bonds of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary had been renewed, each in the amount of \$10,000. He granted twenty dispensations for the setting to work of new lodges. He visited twenty-six lodges during the year and in most of them he conferred the third degree. He granted several dispensations and issued many proxies. He rendered twenty-five decisions. He offered many suggestions for the increased efficiency of the facilities of the Home and an enlarged educational program. Closing his address, he said:

"I promised you a year ago that I would return to you this insignia of station, this emblem of authority and the Grand Mastership of Kentucky, as unsullied as you then gave them to me. I have kept my pledge and as I retire I would have you know that I do so with a heart full of love for, and gratitude to, every one of our great brotherhood."

Grand Treasurer's report gave:

Receipts .....	\$91,586.55
Disbursements .....	51,817.48
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Balance .....	\$39,769.07
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The Grand Secretary's report showed:	
Members per 1906 returns .....	28,708
Members per 1907 returns .....	30,630
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Net gain .....	1,922

Report of the Committee on Doings of Other Grand Lodges was given by Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke. Brother Geo. A. Lewis, for the Committee on Lodges U. D., made a report, which, after being amended, was duly adopted. Brother B. M. Arnett, for the Committee on Finance, made the report for that body, which was adopted.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1907

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 8:30 o'clock. Past Grand Master Jas. W. Hopper, for the Committee on Necrology, reported for that committee, and said report was adopted. The amendment to the Constitution offered by Past Grand Master Jas. E. Wilhelm, at the 1906 session of Grand Lodge, came up for action. It was, in effect, to prohibit a lodge from accepting as a member, one engaged in the manufacture of liquor or other intoxicating beverages. With the Deputy Grand Master excused from voting, the amendment was put to a vote and upon roll call, 430 voted aye, with 70 voting nay. J. W. Gaines, a member of Columbia Lodge No. 96, offered a resolution.

Resolved, That it shall be unlawful for any subordinate lodge to receive the petition of anyone who uses spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors in any form whatsoever—except for medical purposes.

On motion, Grand Lodge declined to refer it to the Jurisprudence Committee as a proposed amendment to the Constitution, and also declined to adopt it as a regulation. Dr. John W. Juett (now a past grand master), for the Committee on Credentials, presented their report, which was adopted. Brother John G. Cramer offered a lengthy report for the Committee on Appeals, which was adopted. Of the ten cases appealed, two were from southeastern Kentucky, viz.: Hazard Lodge No. 676 and Cox Lodge No. 464. Six members of the last-named lodge had appealed the decision of the master of the lodge who had ruled out of order their petition for a new trial, they having, at the previous meeting, been expelled upon their plea of guilty to the charge of drunkenness. The committee recommended that the appeal be sustained and the "master be directed to take a vote of the lodge on the petition for a new trial." This recommendation was concurred in by Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to be called on again at 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

## THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1907

## MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge was opened for business on the third degree promptly at 8:30 o'clock a. m., Thursday morning, October 17, 1907. After invocation by Grand Chaplain, Brother Past Grand Master, W. LaRue Thomas, for the Committee on Work, offered the report for that committee, which, after being amended, was adopted. Past Grand Master, Brother Thos. S. Pettit, for the Committee on Old Masons' Home, presented the report for that committee, which was adopted. The report noted that the re-

ceipts for the year ending September 30, 1907, were \$7,238.15, and the disbursements for the same period were \$7,216.33, which left a balance of \$21.82. The wisdom of erecting a building for indigent Masons on a farm consisting of 166 acres, where water and sewerage were wholly inadequate for the building and its sanitary condition, was questioned, especially in view of the fact that the rapid increase of labor and material would necessitate the expenditure of \$25,000 or \$30,000, when it had been thought when the fund was established that \$21,000 would be ample. The report approved the recommendation of Grand Master Veach, that an appropriation of \$1,000 annually to the Old Masons' Home for a period of ten years, be made by Grand Lodge. The committee then suggested the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors, composed of Brothers H. R. French, James E. Wilhelm, Frank H. Johnson, R. F. Peak, E. B. Beard, together with the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, be authorized and empowered to take this whole subject into consideration with full authority to abandon the present site at Shelbyville and select another and more advantageous one, either there or elsewhere; to sell the farm upon which the Home is situated and apply the proceeds to the purchase of another site and erection of suitable buildings, if they deem it wise, or do anything else which in their judgment may be to the interest and welfare of the Old Masons' Home.

Brother Past Grand Master B. G. Witt, for the Committee on Jurisprudence, made the report for the committee, which was adopted. Past Grand Master Howard R. French, for the Committee on the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, made their report, from which we make some excerpts. The report showed that the Endowment Fund was then over \$300,000, and that the income for the year 1906, was \$52,000. Said the report: "New chapel and school rooms have been provided at a cost of about \$30,000, and the space formerly occupied for these purposes is to be converted into dormitories, which are much in need." The committee, after several hours inspection of the several departments of the Home, said that they "found in general, a satisfactory condition existing." Of the Masonic Home Journal and printing office they said: "The printing office was established as an educational branch of the institution, and should be primarily considered in this aspect. It was also, by the publication of the Home Journal, intended to create an official organ and give the Craft information as to events of interest transpiring in this jurisdiction and the Masonic World. A publication inspiring in its subscribers a desire to read its columns, would commend itself to the business world as a desirable medium through

which to reach a numerous body of possible customers, and thus insure a profit to the industry. We are forced to the conviction that the Home Journal and the printing office are not measuring up to these expectations."

The Henry Clay monument in the Lexington Cemetery, having been struck by lightning some years previous, was the subject of much comment throughout the state, especially among Masons, Clay having served as Grand Master of Kentucky in the year 1820 and 1821. At a meeting of Lexington Lodge No. 1, held September 23, 1907, J. Clay Hunt, John T. Kincaid, John G. Cramer and John W. Lancaster (the latter named being secretary of Lexington Lodge in which capacity he served faithfully and honorably for many years), were appointed a committee to re-introduce to Grand Lodge the resolutions that were presented to that body in 1905. After memorializing Grand Lodge the following resolution was offered:

"Resolved, By the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., in annual session assembled, that we heartily endorse the movement inaugurated by Lexington Lodge No. 1, in arousing the citizens of the state in the importance of restoring to its former beauty the monument erected to the memory of Past Grand Master Henry Clay in the cemetery at Lexington, and we would respectfully urge the Governor of the state to bring the matter before the next Legislature, with recommendation that it appropriate a sufficient sum to repair the damage to this monument, thereby removing the cause of criticism and censure which has been placed on the fair name of our state." Grand Secretary Grant introduced a resolution extending thanks of Grand Lodge to Miss Flora Marguerite Bertelle, for instruction in vocal music given a Miss Hartman, a former resident of the Home. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge was opened in form at 2 o'clock p. m. After passage of some three minor resolutions, Past Grand Master Veach installed Henry P. Barret, Henderson, Kentucky, as Grand Master. (Brother Barret has for a number of years been one of the valued members of the Board of Directors of the Home.) Brother John Cowles was installed Grand Senior Warden. Past Grand Master Thos. Pettit offered the following resolution, which was adopted by rising vote:

"That the idea advanced by Grand Master Barret to create an Endowment Fund for the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and the Old Masons' Home be indorsed and that the body act in harmony with the Grand Master in his lofty and generous purposes."

After roll call, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

HENRY P. BARRET, Grand Master.

HENRY B. GRANT, Grand Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Henry Pendleton  
Barret

1908

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Born 1865

Past Grand Master Barret was born in Henderson, Kentucky, on September 2, 1865, the son of James R. Barret and Lucy Stites Barret. All ancestors for three generations lived in Henderson. He married Miss Mariam Worsham, June 5, 1901. Brother Barret was initiated in Jerusalem Lodge No. 9, Henderson, in 1892, passed and raised the same year. Became Junior Warden in 1893 and Worshipful Master in 1894. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1907 and served one year in that station with a successful administration of its affairs. He is Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Knights Templar, and Past Potentate of Rizpah Temple, Mystic Shrine, Madisonville, Kentucky. Brother Barret says of himself: "If you were to attempt to paint a word picture of me, I know of no outstanding feature you could include. Just an even tenor of an even way; no high lights, no sore fingers; neither exalted to high office nor sent to jail." Which is "perty good." But he is profoundly interested in the success of our Homes and has been ever since his admission to the Craft. For many years he was an exporter of tobacco, now principally occupied with farming, horticulture and animal industry, in which he finds plenty to keep him busy. Brother Barret introduced the resolution in the Grand Lodge creating the Endowment Fund for the Home and has been and is now serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, being on several important committees.

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FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1908

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, held its One Hundred and Eighth Annual Communication in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Louisville, commencing Tuesday, October 20, 1908, and was opened in ample form on the Third degree at 9:30 a. m. At the request of the Grand Master, Past

Grand Master Charles H. Fisk explained the causes that made it necessary for the Grand Lodge to assemble in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, instead of the auditorium of the Masonic Temple. In short, that the lessee declined to give possession of the building (see Grand Master's address and Trustees' report).

Present:

Henry P. Barret .....	Grand Master
Virgil P. Smith .....	Deputy Grand Master
John H. Cowles .....	Grand Senior Warden
Robert R. Burnam .....	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers .....	Grand Treasurer
Henry B. Grant .....	Grand Secretary
Rev. R. E. C. Lawson .....	Grand Chaplain
James A. Hodges .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Hiram P. Chenoweth .....	Grand Senior Deacon
Dave Jackson .....	Grand Junior Deacon
James R. Rogers .....	Grand Marshal
Samuel R. Fisher .....	Grand Sword Bearer
Thomas J. Jackson .....	Grand Pursuivant
Charles A. Gipe .....	Grand Tiler

Twenty-one past grand masters also registered and 540 representatives responded to roll call.

Grand Master Barret delivered his address, from which the following is taken:

"With hearts abounding in gratitude to 'Him who doeth all things well and whose mercies endureth forever,' we are once more permitted to assemble in grand communication, and to all of you I extend a most hearty and fraternal welcome. The year just finishing, with all of its joys and sorrows, its triumphs and failures, with its commercial depressions and its abundant harvests, marked, I regret to say, by more of hatred, strife and lawlessness within the confines of our otherwise proud old commonwealth than it has known since the dark days of the Civil War, has, none the less, been one of the most prosperous years in the history of this Grand Jurisdiction. From all quarters comes the almost unvarying report from all the lodges of increased membership, enhanced interest in all things Masonic, and that peace and harmony universally prevail. I am also delighted to report that nothing has happened to disturb the comity heretofore enjoyed between this Grand Lodge and its sister Grand Lodges in the United States. While we are felicitating ourselves on our prosperity and taking commendable pride in our deserved success, let us pause to pay a willing tribute of love and sorrow to our fraternal dead. Herman Hugo Erdmann, Grand Tiler, is the only member of the official family who, during the year, has been called to his reward. On May 1, last, 'God's finger touched him and he slept.' Due notice was

given to the Craft through the columns of the Masonic Home Journal."

On May 11, Past Master Charles Gipe was appointed Grand Tiler to fill the unexpired term of Brother Erdmann, deceased, and on May 21, he was duly installed in Robinson Lodge No. 266.

The following were appointed Committee on Work: Past Grand Masters S. K. Veach, H. R. French, John G. Orndorff and James E. Wilhelm, and Past Masters W. C. Black, George F. Payne and Sam A. Lederman. The latter resigned and Past Master R. W. Overall was appointed in his stead.

The bond of John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer, was renewed in the American Bonding Company for \$10,000. Also the bond of H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary, was renewed in the same company for the same amount.

The Grand Master rendered a number of decisions (see Proceedings, page 10).

Granted dispensations for twelve new lodges and for four lodges to continue work under usual provisions, they having lost their charters by fire.

Issued thirteen proxies to perform certain ceremonies (see Proceedings, page 13).

Granted dispensations to twenty-three lodges to hold public installation of officers and gave permission to a number to appear in public for divers purposes.

Granted permission to Brothers Wolff and Marks authorizing them to make an appeal for funds looking to the installation and payment of equipment for manual training at the Home. All other applications for permission to ask aid were refused.

Visited three lodges, viz.: Daylight No. 760, Maysville No. 52, and St. George No. 239.

Copies of proposed Constitution were ordered sent to each lodge.

Regarding the Masonic Temple, the Grand Master said: "I am very happy to be able to say that in my judgment the Masonic Temple as a business proposition has seen its gloomiest days. The fact that the operations for the year ending September 30, last, show a loss is disappointing, but need not be alarming." (See Proceedings, pages 15 and 16.)

Referring to Old Masons' Home, Shelbyville, the Grand Master observed the inadequate supply of water.

Speaking of the Kentucky Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, Louisville, the Grand Master is quoted as follows: "All the words of commendation and praise so well and truly said of this institution by my worthy predecessors, I heartily reiterate and confirm." (See Proceedings, pages 17 and 18.) Also he said: "Brother T. J. Adams, heartily and ungrudgingly assisted by his most estimable wife, has fulfilled our utmost expectations in the

very trying and difficult position as Superintendent of the Home, and I bespeak for them every consideration at the hands of the Craft. His family of 146 boys and 114 girls are, I am pleased to say, well cared for, healthy and happy."

Again Grand Master Barret is quoted: "I was called out of the state during the year three times. On each occasion the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master was duly notified and the Craft placed in his charge. He will render you an account of his official acts. And finally, my brethren, may heaven's choicest blessings be showered upon you; 'may brotherly love prevail and every social and moral virtue unite and cement us.'"

On motion of Past Grand Master Wilhelm the Grand Master's address was distributed to the proper committees.

Deputy Grand Master Virgil P. Smith presented his report in which he answers a number of questions in regard to dues and forfeitures and refused requests to confer degrees out of order, saying: "This cannot be done legally and would, if permitted, open the gate to endless trouble and confusion. We must adhere to the landmarks." For full report (see Proceedings, pages 23, 24 and 25).

Past Grand Master Samuel K. Veach moved that the report be referred to Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm for distribution, and the latter offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That we approve the refusal of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master to permit Hickman Lodge No. 761 to confer degrees out of regular order; that the matter of dispensation for a lodge at Hays, Kentucky, be referred to Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation; that all decisions made and the matter of a charter to Lincoln Lodge at Stanford, Kentucky, be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence."

Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer John H. Leathers presented his report which was referred to Committee on Finance. His recapitulation showed:

Receipts	
Balance last report .....	\$ 39,769.07
Receipts since last report .....	79,668.70
Total .....	\$119,437.77

Disbursements	
Grand Lodge warrants .....	\$43,748.34
Trustees' warrants .....	23,002.39
Total .....	\$66,750.73
Balance on hand, September 30, 1908 .....	\$52,687.04

A motion by Brother S. K. Veach that the Grand Treasurer be directed not to open his office during sessions of the Grand Lodge was lost.

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary H. B. Grant submitted his report with this introductory: "Let me congratulate you that more than usual efficiency and promptness have been manifested by secretaries in making and forwarding returns and paying dues during the fiscal year just closed, so that only five lodges failed to send in their returns and eighteen failed to pay on or before October 1."

Knoxville Lodge No. 554 had its charter arrested for failing to pay dues or make returns for 1907 and 1908.

The following lodges lost their charters by fire and otherwise: Winchester No. 20, Hickman No. 131, Marion No. 136, Boston No. 593, Vienna No. 648, Elkin No. 696.

Lodges U. D. continued last year now wanting charters are: Buckhorn, Shiddell, Caution, Corydon, McHenry, Martinsville, Cleaton, Pleasant Grove.

Dispensations were granted by the Grand Master and the following were set to work: Samaria No. 804, Gerard No. 805, Nolen No. 806, Van Buren No. 807, Fort Thomas No. 808, Kelat No. 809, Cypress No. 810, Matanzas No. 811, Carrsville No. 812, Gavel No. 813, Faith No. 814 and McDaniels No. 815. Subjoined figures will likely be the number.

Charters were issued to the following lodges: Lincoln No. 60, Linton No. 783, Sonora No. 784, Black Diamond No. 785, White Mills No. 786, Hiseville No. 787, Beechbottom No. 788, Lily No. 789, Cave City No. 790, Henshaw No. 791, Valley View No. 792, William McKinley No. 793, Manchester No. 794.

Eleven different appeals were referred to the Committee on Appeals. Five to Committee on Finance. Four to Committee on Jurisprudence.

Totals in financial summary showed the following figures:  
Paid to Grand Treasurer ..... \$86,607.70

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer ..... 39,751.57

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Total ..... \$126,359.27

Disbursed ..... 86,782.28

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Cash with Grand Treasurer ..... \$39,576.99

#### Summary of Membership Statistics

Initiated since last report ..... 2,596

Admitted since last report ..... 682

Reinstated since last report ..... 364

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Total gains ..... 3,642

Died since last report .....	457
Expelled since last report .....	40
Suspended since last report .....	753
Demitted since last report .....	931
Total loss .....	2,181
Net gain .....	1,461
Free members .....	826
Number reported October 1, 1908 .....	32,770
Number reported October 1, 1907 .....	30,630
Apparent gain .....	2,140
Number of chartered lodges .....	513
Lodges U. D. .....	20
Total lodges on the roll .....	533

The Grand Secretary offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the invitation of Vincennes Lodge No. 1 of Indiana (a daughter of this Grand Lodge) be gladly accepted, with congratulations that it has lived to so venerable an age of usefulness."

The Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

Visitors—Robert E. Staton, John I. Fisher and W. P. Prewitt.

Necrology—George A. Lewis, John W. Landrum and J. W. Rogers.

Credentials—Ed. C. Sellers, J. D. Dye and W. R. Johnson.

Old Masons' Home—Thomas S. Pettit, Joseph G. Fish and S. P. Browning.

Lodges U. D.—Harry Bailey, J. C. Linebaugh and E. B. Stansifer.

Work—S. K. Veach, H. R. French, W. C. Black, George F. Payne, John G. Orndorff, James E. Wilhelm and J. W. Overall.

Jurisprudence—B. G. Witt, R. H. C. Rhea and J. L. Kincaid.

Appeals—John C. Worsham, A. A. Hazelrigg and W. D. Cannon.

Finance—J. H. Ewalt, J. A. Ramsey and C. N. Smith.

Trustees—B. B. Davis, Thomas S. Tuley and W. H. Wheeler.

Henry Clay Monument—John G. Cramer, Owen D. Thomas, J. L. Kimmel, I. T. Woodson and R. R. Burnam.

Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home—James Garnett, William E. Beard and A. H. Bryant.

Endowment—W. LaRue Thomas, G. Allison Holland and L. B. Everett.

Masonic Temple—H. H. Holeman, Charles H. Fisk and A. C. Adair.

Constitution—J. D. Shaw and George W. Winslow.

Greetings were sent to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke presented his review of other Grand Lodge jurisdictions. (See appendix to Proceedings of Grand Lodge.)

Past Grand Master S. K. Veach presented report of Special Committee on Work. (See Proceedings, pages 41, 42 and 43.)

Past Grand Master Bernard G. Witt presented report of Committee on Jurisprudence. (See Proceedings, pages 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48.)

Congratulations were extended to Brother Witt on the fortieth anniversary of his marriage.

Grand Lodge was called to refreshment until 1:45 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2:15 o'clock.

The Grand Master announced that Brother John H. Cowles, Grand Senior Warden, for the Scottish Rite Masons, had tendered the hall and rooms of the Scottish Rite Cathedral for the use of the Grand Lodge free of charge. A rising vote of thanks was tendered in response.

Lewis Lodge No. 191, Louisville, exemplified the Entered Apprentice degree.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

#### SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1908

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:30 o'clock.

Reading of minutes of yesterday was dispensed with, inasmuch as they had been printed and distributed.

Invitation from Preston Lodge No. 281 to witness conferring of third degree received.

Past Grand Master W. LaRue Thomas moved that when the Grand Lodge closes tomorrow, it shall stand adjourned sine die. Adopted.

Brother George A. Lewis, for the Committee on Necrology, made extended report. (See Proceedings, pages 50 and 51.)

Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That a bound copy of the Grand Lodge Proceedings containing the notice of the death of a Grand Lodge officer, or a past grand officer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, be presented to the family of the deceased." Adopted.

The following officers were duly elected: Virgil Pendleton Smith, Grand Master; John Henry Cowles, Deputy Grand Master; Robert R. Burnam, Grand Senior Warden; Dave Jackson, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer; Henry B. Grant, Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Master Howard French, president of the Board of Directors of the Old Masons' Home, submitted his report. (See Proceedings, pages 52 and 53.) Referred to Committee on Homes.

Brother E. B. Stansifer, for Committee on Lodges U. D., presented a lengthy report, which was adopted. (See Proceedings, pages 53, 54 and 55.) Nineteen lodges were recommended for charters and five lodges were granted duplicate charters for the old ones destroyed by fire and otherwise.

Brother T. L. Jefferson, president of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, announced that the board had rented the Masonic Temple for the entertainment by the children of the Home, and that the entertainment would take place at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Brother E. C. Sellers, for the Committee on Credentials, made a report, which was adopted.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to place in his office a bulletin board on which shall be inscribed the name of Committee on Credentials and time and place of meeting. He was also instructed to procure suitable badges for committees of the Grand Lodge, to be worn during the session, cost not to exceed one dollar each.

Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky adopt a design for a past master's jewel; that said design be recommended to the lodges; that a committee consisting of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary select the design, and their selection be adopted."

Committee on Henry Clay Monument reported that it had succeeded in getting the Legislature to make an appropriation of \$10,000 to make necessary repairs to the monument in Lexington cemetery. John G. Cramer was chairman of the committee, to whom was given a vote of thanks.

Two graduates from the Home, Brothers Willie Timmons and E. E. Kirtley, were presented to the Grand Lodge and thanked the Masons for what they had done for them.

Past Grand Master Bernard G. Witt, for Committee on Jurisprudence, made additional report (see Proceedings, page 58), in which the number of candidates initiated in one day be limited to five.

A resolution was adopted providing that when a sufficient sum was collected for a monument to be placed over the grave

of Past Grand Master George P. Breckinridge, the Grand Treasurer was to turn that amount over to committee having the construction of monument in charge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1908

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 8:30 o'clock a. m. Reading of minutes of previous meeting, on motion, was dispensed with, they being printed and distributed.

Past Grand Master James Garnett presented a report for the Committee on the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, which was adopted, and from which the following is taken:

"We heartily endorse every word in that part of the Grand Master's address referring to the tender age at which the children are now permitted to be retired from the Home, and the needs of a course of manual training for the boys and domestic science for the girls. At the age of sixteen no child is prepared to properly meet the serious problems of life. The evil influences of today are entirely too numerous for any child of such an age to safely combat. The thanks of the whole fraternity are due to the friends of the Home, especially to the Board of Directors, the many prominent physicians and clergy of Louisville, who have and are tendering their services gratis to the wards of the Grand Lodge. We would feel that we were derelict in the discharge of our duties if we should fail to commend our worthy Superintendent Jeff Adams and his most estimable wife, who are doing all that can be done for the Home, and are father and mother to all the children. The endowment fund of the Home is \$314,259.13, on which an annual income of \$14,640.51 is received; the assessment paid by each Mason amounted last year to \$29,645.65. Therefore the fixed income was \$44,286.16; but during last year, from the receipts for work done in the printing office and the shoe shop, etc., this income was increased to a total of \$47,444.92. The expenses during the year for the support of the Home were \$47,173.24. The per capita (\$127.55) is less than that of any similar institution in the state."

Past Grand Master William C. McChord, for Committee on Proposed New Constitution, reported numerous corrections, all of which are numerated in Proceedings (see pages 61, 62 and 63), and the report was adopted.

Committee on Work was granted further time in which to complete its task.

Past Grand Master Thomas S. Pettit, for Committee on Old Masons' Home, made report, the same printed on page 64 of Proceedings.

Past Grand Master James Garnett offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Old Masons' Home be and they are hereby authorized to sell and convey the farm and Home now owned by the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky, near Shelbyville, and secure some other suitable location, if, after a thorough investigation, they conclude that the location of said Home should be changed."

Brother G. Allison Holland offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Work:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky declines to adhere to or accept the statement made in the exemplification of the first degree, that the sun 'sets' in the west."

Brother Joseph H. Ewalt made report for Committee on Finance, which was adopted. (See Proceedings, pages 65 and 66.)

Brother Thomas S. Tuley made report for the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple, which was read and referred to Committee on Masonic Temple. (See Proceedings, pages 67, 68, 69 and 70.)

Past Grand Master Charles H. Fisk, chairman of Committee on the Masonic Temple, made a report, which was adopted. (See Proceedings, pages 70 and 71.)

Brother J. C. Worsham, for Committee on Appeals, made a report (see Proceedings, pages 72, 73 and 74), which was adopted.

Past Grand Master Warren LaRue Thomas, for Committee on Endowment, made report (see Proceedings, pages 75 and 76), which was adopted, with the recommendation that the matter be placed in the hands of a commission to consist of Henry Barret, John H. Cowles and Robert R. Burnam.

Past Grand Master Thomas S. Pettit moved to amend previous report by designating the fund recommended in the report as "The Henry P. Barret Fund." Carried.

Brother George B. Winslow offered some regulations from the old Constitution to be left out of the new Constitution. (See Proceedings, pages 76 and 77.)

Committee appointed to revise and properly digest decisions and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Brother E. C. Sellers, for the Committee on the Masonic Home Journal, made report and moved its adoption. The Home reports show that from March 1, 1907, to March 1, 1908, the expenses were \$10,256.34, and that receipts were \$20,325.57; deducting cost of Journal, leaves \$10,069.23 for the Home. A substitute proposition was presented but not considered, and the report was adopted.

New forms of petitions and demits were adopted. (See Proceedings, pages 79, 80 and 81.)

Past Grand Master Warren LaRue Thomas installed the following officers: Virgil P. Smith (111), Grand Master; John H. Cowles (400), Deputy Grand Master; Robert R. Burnam (25), Grand Senior Warden; Dave Jackson (144), Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers (376), Grand Treasurer; Rev. R. E. C. Lawson (50), Grand Chaplain; Percy Benton (566), Grand Senior Deacon; L. B. Weddle (491), Grand Junior Deacon; J. R. Rogers (246), Grand Marshal; David G. Martin (617), Grand Sword Bearer; S. Marion Cecil (375), Grand Pursuivant; Charles A. Gipe (266), Grand Tiler.

The Grand Secretary is not installed until January.

A resolution of commendation was adopted praising Grand Master Henry P. Barret for his excellent service.

Grand Secretary Henry B. Grant, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented a past grand master's jewel to retiring Grand Master Henry P. Barret.

Brother John G. Cramer announced that Lexington Lodge No. 1 would celebrate its one hundred twentieth anniversary on November 17.

Grand Master Smith appointed the following committees:

Appeals—Howard R. French, C. N. Smith and James Kelley.

By-Laws—Charles H. Fisk, J. E. Wilhelm and Samuel A. Lederman.

Finance—John A. Ramsey, Joe H. Ewalt and George B. Winslow.

Jurisprudence—William C. McChord, James Garnett and W. R. Shackelford.

Lodges U. D.—John G. Cramer, R. W. Smith and A. H. Bryant.

Necrology—James D. Black.

Our Homes—S. K. Veach, D. S. Haggard and James R. Bullock.

Proceedings of Grand Lodges—W. W. Clarke.

Trustees of Masonic Temple—Henry P. Barret, T. R. Cartmell, W. B. Trumbo, W. R. Johnston and B. B. Davis.

The Henry P. Barret Fund—Henry P. Barret, John H. Cowles, Robert R. Burnam.

Book of Constitutions—H. B. Grant, E. B. Beard and George B. Winslow.

Engrossment of Constitution—William C. McChord and H. B. Grant.

Past Master's Jewel—Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

Grand Master Virgil P. Smith made proclamation that the new Constitution was now in force.

The Grand Secretary appointed John I. Fisher, Assistant Grand Secretary.

Roll call and absentees noted.

Grand Lodge closed in ample form.

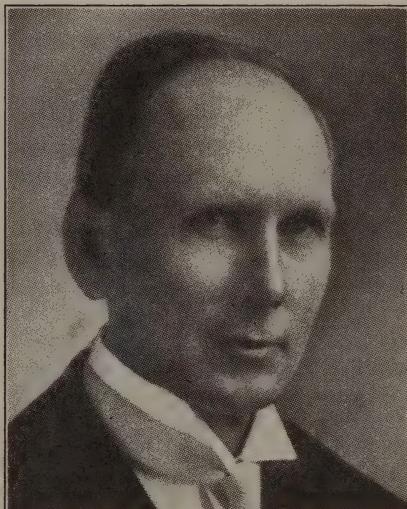
VIRGIL P. SMITH, Grand Master.

H. B. GRANT, Grand Secretary.



## ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Virgil Pendleton  
Smith

1909

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Born 1861

Virgil Pendleton Smith, son of R. W. and Mary Riddle Smith, born February 15, 1861, at Irvine, Kentucky. He was educated at the public schools and Estill Seminary. On April 1, 1880, he was married to Miss Etta Williams to whom the following children were born: Mrs. Wm. Waddle, Mrs. John T. Bowser, II. Brother Smith is a member of the M. E. Church, South, and is a lawyer. He was County Attorney of Estill County, 1888 and 1889. He was made a Master Mason, November, 1889, in Irvine Lodge No. 137, afterwards transferring his membership to Somerset Lodge No. 111, of which he is now a member. He was Master of the Irvine Lodge; and also Master of the Somerset Royal Arch Chapter No. 25, and served as High Priest several terms. He received the Cryptic degrees in Somerset Council No. 68, and was elected Thrice Illustrious Master of that body; he was created a Knight Templar in Ryan Commandery No. 17, Danville; and now a member of Somerset Commandery No. 31; he was elected Commander in 1907; elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1908; Grand Master of the Grand Council 1917, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky in 1927. Brother Smith, when Grand Master, circularized the Craft on the twenty-five cents per capita assessment for the maintenance of the Old Masons' Home and which was ratified by a majority of the subordinate lodges. He served four years on the Board of Directors of the Old Masons' Home, until he passed out of office as Grand Master. In his Masonic career Brother Smith has always displayed commendable zeal and interest in all his undertakings.

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FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1909

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, held its One Hundred and Ninth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, commencing Tuesday, October 19, 1909, and was opened in ample form on the third degree at 10

o'clock a. m., with the following officers present and occupying their stations:

Virgil P. Smith .....	Grand Master
John H. Cowles .....	Deputy Grand Master
Robert R. Burnam .....	Grand Senior Warden
Dave Jackson .....	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers .....	Grand Treasurer
H. B. Grant .....	Grand Secretary
John I. Fisher .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Rev. R. E. C. Lawson .....	Grand Chaplain
James A. Landrum .....	Grand Senior Deacon
L. B. Weddle .....	Grand Junior Deacon
J. R. Rogers .....	Grand Marshal
David G. Martin .....	Grand Sword Bearer
S. M. Cecil .....	Grand Pursuivant
Chas. A. Gipe .....	Grand Tiler

Eighteen of the then living past grand masters were present. Thirty-five past masters were registered in the Grand Secretary's office.

Of the then 553 lodges on the roster of Grand Lodge, only 18 failed to have representatives present.

Grand Master Virgil P. Smith, of Somerset, delivered his address, from which we excerpt the following paragraphs, which breathe the soul of a poet and bespeak the natural orator:

"We are today assembled on the One Hundred and Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; the year now closing will make history of the successes or failures, of joys or sorrows, that attended the Craft; we are glad that our country has not been visited by pestilence, or war, and that peace has prevailed throughout this jurisdiction and the nation; and we come with hearts full of thankfulness to the Great Architect of the Universe, whose smile is upon us, and whose wisdom has guided, whose strength has sustained, and whose mercy has overshadowed us. Varied and many have been the changes in some communities and some subordinate jurisdictions, yet, withal, we are, indeed, abundantly blessed. The year's labor, while it sometimes seemed to be trying and arduous, has been a great source of pleasure to me. I thought I fully recognized the duties and responsibilities of the position to which you elevated me, yet I did not fully realize either, and had it not been for the faithful support of every officer of the Grand Lodge, together with the wise counsel of past grand officers and well-informed brethren, I could not have executed the duties even as well as they have been executed. Allow me to thank each and every one of the officers of the Grand Lodge, who at all times have been ready and willing and have heartily responded to any requests or demand made upon them. The assistance especially of our Grand

Secretary, Brother Grant, has indeed been incalculable, and without his wise counsel I would oftentimes have been puzzled and at sea. With the knowledge that he has, and his willingness to assist, has helped me more than I can express.

"On occasions like the present, the first thing that all Masons should do is to return unto the Supreme Architect of the Universe, thankfulness and praise for his great and wise goodness and mercy in the past, and also call to mind one of the particular tenets of Masonry—'our duty to God, our neighbor, our country and ourselves.' The administration of the affairs of this Grand Jurisdiction has not been marked by any great or unexpected events. Our growth has been steady, peace has prevailed, harmony has been the watchword, strength the result. While sometimes failure may have attended my efforts to wisely judge, yet I hope the veil of charity may be thrown over my failures by the fraternity, and you will accord to me this consoling plaudit: He has done the best that he could."

He asked the protection of the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the widows and orphans and noted with sadness that the Grim Reaper had invaded the ranks of Grand Lodge officers and taken away Grand Senior Deacon Percy Benton.

Speaking of the Masonic Home Journal, the Grand Master said:

"Our paper, the Masonic Home Journal, has been much improved during the year, and is entitled to a place among the best periodicals of the day. Much credit is due to Brother John H. Cowles for his untiring efforts to bring this paper to its present standard. He has worked long and faithfully, and the Craft should be, and I am sure are, justly proud of this splendid paper. Brother Guy T. Johnson, the manager of the publication, is to be commended for his skill in executing the work. There we have the right man in the right place."

The postal authorities had questioned the right to have the Journal sent through the mails as was being done, and called for information as to the condition of the subscription list, contending that the paper was being distributed free and should be charged full postage for that class of mail matter. To meet the requirements of the postal authorities he sent the following communication to the Journal:

Somerset, Ky., July 31, 1909.

Masonic Home Journal,  
Louisville, Ky.

The Masonic fiscal year is about closing, and therefore under regulation 19, which is made part hereof, and acting for the individual members of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, I hereby renew the subscription to the Masonic Home Journal,

which shall be sent to every affiliated Mason in Kentucky, as provided for in said regulation.

Fraternally yours,

Virgil P. Smith, Grand Master.

He reported having issued dispensations for fifteen new lodges and appointed proxies to them to work at the following places: Antioch, Metcalfe county; Smith's Grove, Warren county; Louisville, Jefferson county; Banock, Butler county; Big Spring, Meade county; Baxter, Harlan county; Ritner, Wayne county; Grassy Creek, Morgan county; Lone Oak, McCracken county; Nash, Edmonson county; Richardville, Warren county; Absher, Adair county; Maceo, Daviess county; Poor Fork, Harlan county; Hazel, Calloway county. He granted the usual number of proxies and dispensations.

Speaking of visits to other Grand Jurisdictions, he said: "On February 6, I received a communication from R. W. William B. Melish, chairman of the Committee on Invitation for the Grand Lodge of Ohio, extending to me invitation to be present on the making of William Howard Taft a Mason at sight by the Grand Master of Ohio and to witness the conferring of the Master Mason degree by Kilwinning Lodge of Cincinnati, Ohio, February 18, 1909. I accepted the invitation and attended and was royally received and entertained by the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The ceremonies of making said Taft a Mason were impressive and the occasion a very pleasant one."

On February 7, he received the following communication:

Vincennes, Ind., Feb. 6, 1909.

M. W. G. M. F. and A. M., Kentucky:

Dear Sir and Brother: Vincennes Lodge No. 1 invites and urges you to be present in person or proxy and deliver a short address on March 13, 1909, on occasion of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of its institution. Vincennes Lodge No. 1, originally Kentucky No. 15, would be more than pleased to have you as its guest.

Yours fraternally,

E. J. Julian, Secretary Committee.

The Grand Master accepted the invitation, and in company with Capt. H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary, attended the celebration. Speaking of the occasion, he said: "No more royal or enjoyable occasion has ever fallen to my lot. Aside from the main celebration and ceremonies, several other occasions of entertainment were provided for our pleasure. A sumptuous banquet, attended by 300 Masons, was provided, so that the physical as well as the mental man was bountifully supplied."

He arrested the charter of a lodge because it failed to pay its dues in time as required by law. Of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home he had this to say:

"This monument, of which all Kentucky Masons are justly proud, and which is without a superior, if an equal, among all Masonic bodies, and which has been an incentive and inspiration to our sister Grand Jurisdictions, who are constantly trying to come up to the standard that we have set, is indeed nearer to our hearts. The great good and pleasure derived from this institution is almost beyond words to describe. Its future success is assured. Under the management of the careful Board of Directors, this institution is becoming more and more effective in its design, and each year has added some new feature and addition to the already almost incalculable good."

He noted that Sam Reed Lodge No. 478, Ludlow; Latonia Lodge No. 746, Latonia; Cosmic Club, composed of members of Shibboleth Lodge No. 750, Louisville, and Abraham Lodge No. 8, Louisville, had each fitted up a dormitory in the Home, for which thanks of Grand Lodge were extended. It was also noted that thanks of the Home and Grand Lodge had been tendered Brother J. W. Hutchison, member of Brodhead Lodge No. 566, for his gift to the Home of a flagstaff which had been erected on the grounds of the Home, and a "flag of the nation now proudly floats over the top thereof."

He further noted that the Manual Training Department was becoming effective. We quote: "Our boys are fast becoming skilled mechanics. The work of their hands would do credit, even now, to many skilled workmen."

He caused cancellation of three obligations to the Home. One was for \$3,500. The other two amounting to \$10,000. He further noted that there was still due the Home from Grand Lodge \$197,500.

He quoted the Directors of the Home as reporting the Home's Endowment Fund as totaling \$315,233.13.

In closing his address, he gave feeling expression to a very beautiful and touching sentiment, as follows:

"And now, brethren, I am about to return to you the gavel, as an emblem of authority, placed in my hands one year ago, and I desire to return to you the sincerest thanks that a grateful heart can feel or my feeble words express for the great honor you did me in elevating me to this high and honorable position, than which there is none other higher that could be bestowed on man by man or body of men. I have served to the best of my ability, and with the most ardent desire to protect your interests. If I have failed, I trust that Masonic charity will cover my failures as with a mantle, as I hope the Grand Architect of the Universe to judge me at the last day. May heaven's richest blessings rest upon and abide with you all and with all regular Masons."

Brother John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer, presented his report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Receipts .....	\$129,101.68
Disbursements .....	90,687.59
Balance .....	\$ 38,414.09

Brother H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary, submitted his report, which was accepted and distributed to the proper committees. We quote from his report: "If returns and dues are not received during the month of September they cannot be examined and entered in time to make full or satisfactory summaries and reports. Because of this, the Constitution fixes a fine for failure to forward the return *not later* than September 3, or to pay the indebtedness as soon as practicable in September. It ought to be known that the Grand Secretary does not inflict any penalty—that is done by operation of law, and he merely makes the record and gives due notice of the fact." Speaking of the museum, he said: "Our museum is gradually increasing in interest. Brother A. H. Bryant has presented us with several interesting relics and curios. Brother S. B. Neal of Bibb Lodge presented an old Indian pipe found on his father's farm near Miller's Creek. Mrs. Sallie Womack gives us a Masonic apron, one hundred years old, and which was worn by Brother Horatio Warner."

One charter was arrested, he reports, because the lodge had failed to pay a fine. Morton's Gap Lodge No. 768 surrendered its charter January 15, 1909. Harney Lodge No. 343 lost its charter (in what manner was not stated), and continued under dispensation from Grand Master. Later the lost charter was found and by direction of Grand Master, it was sent to the Grand Secretary.

Charters were granted nineteen lodges as follows: No. 796, Buckhorn, Perry county; W. N. Lewis of Lodge No. 664, acting as proxy of the Grand Master, constituted the lodge. No. 797, Shiddell, at Polsgrove, Franklin county; H. B. Shiddell as proxy of the Grand Master, set the lodge to work. No. 798, Caution, at Caution, Clay county, was set to work by A. J. Hacker as proxy of the Grand Master. Lodge No. 799, at Corydon, Henderson county, was set to work by J. R. Sigler, proxy. No. 800, McHenry Lodge at McHenry, Ohio county, was set to work by J. P. McKinney, proxy of the Grand Master. Woodford Lodge No. 801, Mortonsville, Woodford county, was set to work by William Yoeman, proxy of Grand Master. Cleaton Lodge No. 802, Cleaton, Muhlenberg county, was set to work by J. E. Barnhill, proxy of the Grand Master. Pleasant Grove Lodge No. 803, at Shreve, Ohio county, instituted by J. D. Cooper as proxy

of the Grand Master. Samaria Lodge No. 804, Samaria Church, Johnson's Fork, Magoffin county, was set to work by Richard W. Oney, proxy of the Grand Master. Gerard Lodge No. 805, at Hays, Warren county, was set to work by Past Grand Master Frank C. Gerard, acting as proxy of the Grand Master. No. 806, Nolen, at Jane, Harlan county, was set to work by Jesse W. Howard, proxy of the Grand Master. Lodge No. 807, VanBuren, at VanBuren, Anderson county, was set to work by Goodloe Searcy, proxy of the Grand Master. Fort Thomas Lodge No. 808, at Fort Thomas, Campbell county, was set to work by A. A. Ranshaw, proxy of the Grand Master. Kelat Lodge No. 809, at Kelat, Harrison county, was set to work by W. A. Pigg, proxy of the Grand Master. Cypress Lodge No. 810, at Little Cypress, Marshall county, was set to work by J. A. Jones, proxy of the Grand Master. Matanzas Lodge No. 811, Matanzas, Ohio county, set to work by C. M. Crowe, proxy of the Grand Master. Carrsville Lodge No. 812, Carrsville, Livingston county, set to work by Abraham J. Bebout, proxy of the Grand Master. Gavel Lodge No. 813, at Magnolia, LaRue county, set to work by W. T. Lively, proxy of the Grand Master. Faith Lodge No. 814, Faith, McLean county, set to work by E. McEwen, proxy of the Grand Master.

Seventeen lodges were granted permission to work under dispensation until qualified to be granted a charter. They were: McDaniels, dispensation was granted September 26, 1908. David Faulkner, Antioch, Metcalfe county, dispensation granted February 27, 1909, G. A. Cochran acting as proxy of the Grand Master. Smith's Grove, Smith's Grove, Warren county, was granted dispensation March 2, 1909, and set to work March 11, 1909, by George T. Parker, Sr., proxy. Crescent Hill, Louisville, granted dispensation March 19, 1909, and set to work March 26, 1909, by H. B. Grant, proxy. Banock, Banock, Butler county, granted dispensation March 24, 1909, and was set to work by S. T. Cook, as proxy, April 3, 1909. Atterson, Atterson, Casey county, granted dispensation April 13, 1909, and set to work by C. V. Hiestand, as proxy, June 5, 1909. Big Spring, Big Spring, Meade county, granted dispensation May 20, 1909, and set to work June 12, 1909; proxy, W. T. Gregory. Howard, Baxter, Hardin county, granted dispensation May 22, 1909; A. M. Howard, proxy of the Grand Master, set it to work June 5, 1909. Cress, Ritner, Wayne county, granted dispensation July 16, 1909, and set to work July 30, 1909, by W. R. Cress, proxy of the Grand Master. Chapel, Grassy Creek, Morgan county, granted dispensation July 17, 1909; was set to work by Jno. Ward, proxy, July 31, 1909. Lone Oak, Lone Oak, McCracken county; dispensation was granted August 10, 1909, set to work August 18, 1909, by Fred Acker, proxy. Nash, at Nash, Edmonson county, was granted dispensation August 24, 1909, and

set to work September 3, 1909, by S. T. Cook, as proxy. Elijah Upton, Richardsonville, Warren county, was granted dispensation August 25, 1909, and was set to work September 3, 1909, by F. C. Gerard, past grand master, as proxy. Adair Lodge, at Absher, Adair county, was granted dispensation August 26, 1909. Maceo Lodge, at Maceo, Daviess county, was granted dispensation August 30, 1909, and was set to work by Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke, as proxy, September 7, 1909. Fields Lodge, Poor Fork, Harlan county, was granted dispensation September 18, 1909; on October 2, 1909, Brother Stephen H. Fields, as proxy of the Grand Master, set the lodge to work. Hazel Lodge, Hazel, Calloway county, was granted dispensation October 2, 1909, and was set to work October 15, 1909, by Brother H. B. Grant, proxy.

Members September 30, 1909 .....	33,872
Members September 30, 1908 .....	32,770

Gain in membership .....	1,102
Chartered lodges in 1908 .....	532
Charters arrested 1; charters surrendered 1 .....	2

Lodges U. D. ....	530
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Total number lodges .....	547
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The Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

Appeals—Howard R. French, Charles N. Smith, James Keeley.

By-Laws—James E. Wilhelm, S. A. Lederman, James M. Owen.

Finance—Joseph H. Ewalt, George B. Winslow, W. E. Board.

Jurisprudence—W. C. McChord, James Garnett, W. R. Shackelford.

Lodges U. D.—A. H. Bryant, R. W. Smith, E. Conroy.

Necrology—G. Allison Holland.

Our Homes—Sam K. Veach, D. S. Haggard, James R. Bullock.

Proceedings of Grand Lodges—W. W. Clarke.

Trustees Masonic Temple—B. B. Davis, Henry P. Barret, Carl M. Wiseman, W. B. Trumbo, Jr., W. R. Johnston.

Committee on Visitors—Lee A. Scearce, Guy T. Johnson, Samuel Leidigh.

Credentials—W. C. Black, A. D. Howell, Orie S. Ware.

Fraternal greetings were extended in a telegram to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke presented his report on Doings of Other Grand Lodges, to be printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until Wednesday morning, October 20.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1909

### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock a. m. On motion of Past Grand Master Meffert, reading of the minutes of the first day was dispensed with, as same had been printed and distributed.

The Committee on By-Laws submitted its report through Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm, and same was adopted.

Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Boards of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and of the Old Masons' Home be and are hereby requested to include in the annual reports of those institutions a statistical table showing the lodges that have had, and now have, wards or beneficiaries in the Homes; the table to show the name, number, location and membership of the lodge, the total number of wards each lodge has in the Home at the time the annual report is made."

The report of the Committee on Work was read by Past Grand Master Wilhelm. The same was adopted.

Past Grand Master H. P. Barret made the report for the Commissioners of the H. P. Barret Fund, the object of which was to secure bequests to the Grand Lodge.

Brother A. H. Bryant made the report for the Committee on Lodges U. D. It was adopted. Their report showed nine lodges were given charters. They were: McDaniels Lodge, David Faulkner Lodge, Smith's Grove Lodge, Howard Lodge, Crescent Hill, Lone Oak, Nash and Maceo. The dispensations of Banock Lodge, Big Spring Lodge, Chapel Lodge, Elijah Upton Lodge, Fields Lodge, Hazel Lodge and Adair Lodge were continued for another year. New charters to old lodges: Amity Lodge No. 40, Millersburg, Bourbon county, applied for a new charter, their old one being badly worn by time. Their request was granted. Burnside Lodge No. 634, Burnside, Pulaski county, applied for a new charter to replace one lost by fire October 7, 1909. This request was granted.

The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple made a report which was referred to a special committee consisting of Past Grand Master B. G. Witt, Past Master George A. Lewis and Past Grand Master O. D. Thomas.

By unanimous vote the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers at 10:30 a. m., and Grand Lodge officers were elected, to-wit: John H. Cowles, Grand Master; Robert R. Bur-

nam, Deputy Grand Master; Dave Jackson, Grand Senior Warden; Joseph H. Ewalt, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer; H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary.

Brother W. Rhodes Shackelford for the Committee on Jurisprudence read their report, which after being amended, was adopted.

Past Grand Master James Garnett moved that the chair at the right of the Deputy Grand Master, formerly occupied by Past Grand Master Todd, be reserved for the use of the oldest past grand master member of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky when present at any session of Grand Lodge. Adopted.

Brother Past Grand Master Henry Bostwick, being the oldest living past grand master, was conducted to the chair especially designated for his use.

The Committee on Credentials, Brother Orie S. Ware, chairman, made their report, which was adopted.

Brother George B. Winslow, for the Committee on Revision of Regulations and Code, made their report, which was adopted.

Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at high 12:00 to meet again at 1:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 1:30 p. m.

Brother J. W. Brown, a member of Ashland Lodge No. 640, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Whereas, In the campaign of education concerning the cure and prevention of consumption, which the recently organized Kentucky Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis is about to begin throughout this state where more than 6,000 unnecessarily die from this disease every year, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Kentucky Association has the entire sympathy and moral support of the Grand Lodge and that we recommend to every lodge this great humanitarian movement against the greatest single cause of death in our state, and urge all members of this Grand Lodge, and of our Order, to lend to this anti-tuberculosis fight their influence and co-operation."

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

#### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1909

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:45 o'clock a. m.

A message from the Grand Lodge of Ohio was read by the Grand Secretary.

Brother W. R. Shackelford, for the Committee on Jurisprudence, made a report, which was adopted.

On motion of Brother Charles A. McMillan, it was ordered that the records of Bedford Lodge No. 243, defunct, be turned over to Paris Lodge No. 2.

The Committee on Our Homes, Brother Sam K. Veach, chairman, reported, and the same was adopted.

Past Grand Master Pettit moved to amend Section No. 147 of the Constitution by striking therefrom the following words: "and at the same time it shall also pay such assessment as may be ordered by the Grand Lodge." This was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Brother G. Allison Holland, chairman of the Committee on Necrology, read the report, which was adopted by rising vote.

Brother Past Grand Master Howard R. French made the report of the Committee on Appeals, which was first adopted seriatim—then as a whole.

Brother J. R. Ashlock, Columbia No. 96, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Whereas, The Grand Lodge has levied a per capita assessment of twenty-five cents on the lodges of Kentucky for the maintenance of the Old Masons' Home, but makes no provision for the wives of such old Masons.

"Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Old Masons' Home be required to give this matter full and careful consideration and report to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge its conclusions, and the said board is advised that it is the desire of the Grand Lodge that arrangements be made for the reception into the Home of the wives of such old Masons as may be admitted thereto as expediently as possible."

Report for the Committee on Finance was made by Brother Joe H. Ewalt. Brother Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm moved to strike out the portion relating to Lodge No. 448. The motion was lost and the report was adopted as read.

The Committee on Masonic Temple affairs made a report through its chairman, Past Grand Master B. G. Witt. The report showed there had been a loss in operating the building of \$7,991 for the years 1908 and 1909.

Grand Secretary H. B. Grant had offered a prize to the secretary for promptness and correctness. A committee, headed by Brother James A. Hodges, made the selection of the secretary. They selected Brother Charles Wurster, secretary of Covington Lodge No. 109, and gave the prize to Brother Orie S. Ware to convey to him. In making the award, the committee said: "We have the pleasure of awarding this token of the Grand Secretary

to Brother Wurster with the hope that he may be secretary of his lodge for many years."

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke moved that Section 113 of the Regulations be repealed. Carried.

A special report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was made by Past Grand Master W. C. McChord. It was adopted.

Sympathy of Grand Lodge was extended Past Grand Master James W. Hopper, who was ill, in a resolution by Past Grand Master Sam K. Veach.

Brother John I. Fisher was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Master Frank C. Gerard installed all the Grand Officers, with the exception of Grand Secretary.

Brother H. B. Grant presented to Brother Virgil P. Smith a past grand master's jewel.

Brother Past Grand Master B. G. Witt introduced the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Florida, Brother Louis C. Massie, who delivered an address.

Brother Past Grand Master Howard R. French presented the following resolution, which was adopted by rising vote:

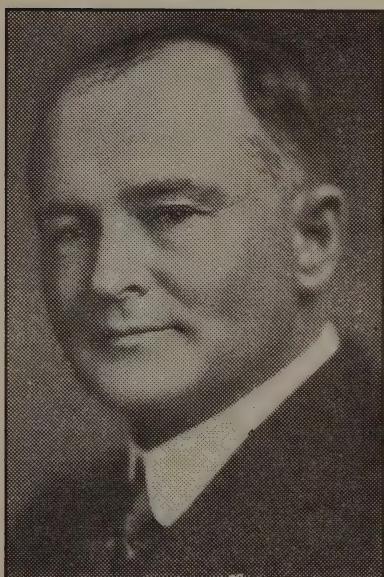
"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recognizes and appreciates the earnest, faithful and efficient manner in which our retiring Grand Master, Virgil P. Smith, has discharged the duties of his office, and tender to him our thanks with the hope that his future life may be blessed with prosperity and happiness and that he may be spared for many years to enjoy these blessings."

After roll call Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

JOHN H. COWLES, Grand Master.  
H. B. GRANT, Grand Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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John Henry Cowles

1910

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Born 1863

Colonel John Henry Cowles was born at Dripping Springs, Kentucky, August 22, 1863, later resided at Rocky Hill, Bowling Green, Smith's Grove and Louisville, in the state. He was educated in the public schools, at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, and a business college. He was associated with his father in the wholesale grocery business and tobacco manufacture. Subsequently he became clerk of the Jefferson County Fiscal Court, head of the Brass and Plating Works of John H. Cowles & Co., secretary-treasurer of W. T. Pyne Mill and Supply Co., the Standard Printing Co., and member of the insurance firm of Martin and Cowles. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he helped organize Company H., First Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, was made captain, served in Porto Rico and was Provost Marshal of the Mayaguez District.

He was made a Mason in Louisville Lodge No. 400, in 1888, receiving the Entered Apprentice degree on August 15, the Fellow Craft on September 14, and the Master Mason on October 16, during a session of the Grand Lodge; elected Master, serving from 1893 to 1896. During his military service he organized and obtained a dispensation for Kentucky Army Lodge No. 1, U. D., of which he was Master during its existence, which coincided with the regimental period of service from May, 1898, to February 24, 1899. In 1908 he was elected Grand Junior Warden and advanced until, in 1909, he became Grand Master of Kentucky Masons. During his term he visited many lodges in the state; laid the cornerstone of the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky and secured funds from other bodies to furnish it without cost to the Grand Lodge; raised most of the funds for the manual and domestic training schools of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and was active in the movement to induce Masons to leave bequests for Masonic charities. In one instance a bequest of over three hundred thousand dollars was obtained.

He was exalted in Eureka Chapter No. 101, at Louisville, February 9, 1889, and in 1896 affiliated with King Solomon Chapter No. 5, of which he became King, but his further advancement was interrupted by his departure for the war. He received the Cryptic degrees in Louisville Council No. 1, on October 18, 1892, and was knighted in DeMolay Commandery No. 12, at Louisville, on April 1, 1889, became

its Eminent Commander in 1896; was Potentate of Kosair Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in 1908, and a member of St. Thomas Conclave of the Constantinian orders.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees in the Louisville bodies and in the Grand Consistory of Kentucky in 1890; was Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection from 1894 to 1903. Was Master of Kadosh of the Grand Consistory from 1902 to 1909. In 1895 he was elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, two years Inspector General Honorary. He has attended all sessions of the Supreme Council from and including that of his coronation and has served on the Committees on Correspondence, Grievances and Appeals, New Age Magazine, Jurisprudence, Library, Fund of Fraternal Assistance, Burns Collection and others, and is the author of numerous reports and resolutions, as well as of his various allocutions. From 1911 until 1921 he was Secretary General of the Supreme Council, and since October 20 of the latter year has been Grand Commander. He is the Representative of the Supreme Councils of Argentina, Egypt and Greece. In addition to his long list of offices in regular Masonic bodies, he has been a member of the Louisville Masonic Board of Relief since 1893, was president in 1895 and afterwards secretary-treasurer; president of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada two years; member of the Grand Secretaries' Guild; a founder and treasurer of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and chairman of its Ways and Means Committee, resigning in 1921; life member of the National Masonic Research Society, and patron of the Minnesota Masonic Home. His list of Honorary Memberships is a formidable one and would fill several pages in this Masonic history.

### FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1910

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, held its One Hundred and Tenth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, commencing Tuesday, October 18, 1910, and was opened in ample form on the third degree at 10 o'clock a. m. Present:

John H. Cowles .....	Grand Master
Robert R. Burnam .....	Deputy Grand Master
Dave Jackson .....	Grand Senior Warden
Joe H. Ewalt .....	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers .....	Grand Treasurer
H. B. Grant .....	Grand Secretary
Rev. E. E. Smith .....	Grand Chaplain
John I. Fisher .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Jesse B. Harl .....	Grand Senior Deacon
Lee A. Scearce .....	Grand Junior Deacon
J. R. Rogers .....	Grand Marshal
Fred Acker .....	Grand Sword Bearer
William H. Porter .....	Grand Pursuivant
Charles A. Gipe .....	Grand Tiler

Also twenty past grand masters and thirty-four past masters; 556 representatives reported present.

Grand Master Cowles delivered his address from which is quoted:

"The bountiful mercy and goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe has permitted us again to assemble in annual session, to review the past and to provide for the future. It is a distinctive pleasure to meet and greet you at this, the One Hundred and Tenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge

of Kentucky, and I do so most heartily. One hundred and ten years is a long time relatively, yet the history of those years proclaims that honor and duty have been the pole stars of Masonry through this long period, and that no stain of dishonor has ever rested upon its banner. Let our prayer be that it shall ever so continue unto the end. Today, just twenty-two years and two days ago, I was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, in the presence of several hundred members of the Grand Lodge then in annual session. From then until now each succeeding year has been a little more beautiful, a little happier, a little more prosperous, a little better in every way than the one gone before. One year ago you elected me Grand Master, and this last year has been the culmination, the happiest year of all, and I am indeed grateful and thankful for the honor given me, the innumerable courtesies, favors and acts of kindness shown me. The year has also been a fruitful one for Freemasonry in this jurisdiction, which is now at a greater height of prosperity, popularity and progress than it has ever reached before. Brothers have been added to our numbers until the rolls of workmen contain over thirty-six thousand names, showing a splendid increase truly, and I believe the ballot box has been well and duly guarded. I am glad of the numbers for I am not one who believes we can have too many co-adjutors in the great work of Masonry."

The Grand Master noted the death of Past Grand Master John A. Ramsey, who was buried March 12, 1910, at Owingsville, his native home. Also the death of Rev. James W. Rogers, Grand Chaplain, who died at Walton, Kentucky, April 28, 1910. Rev. E. E. Smith was appointed to fill out Brother Rogers' unexpired term.

The Grand Secretary was authorized to put on sale copies of the Book of Constitutions at \$1.25 per copy so long as there was a supply.

"Our new Constitution and Regulations are so plainly expressed in good English and the indexes so complete that to the greater number of inquiries put to me it has only been necessary to refer the questioners to section or number, and I have rendered only a few decisions," so said the Grand Master, who decided that a "memorial service" can lawfully be held on Sunday.

Charges against two masters of lodges were withdrawn, the controversy being amicably settled.

Four dispensations were refused, the Grand Master stating that "he has no right, authority, or power to grant dispensations that would violate the Constitution or Regulations."

A number of dispensations were granted to lodges to hold public installations and special elections to fill official stations made vacant by resignations, the Grand Master stating, "under

the present Constitution any or all officers of a lodge may resign. This being so, the lodge ought to have the right to fill the vacancy."

The following lodges were set to work U. D.: Adair Lodge at Big Creek, Neal Lodge at Drake, Gracey Lodge at Gracey, Gilbertsville Lodge at Gilbertsville, Russell Springs Lodge at Russell Springs, Fitch Munger Lodge at Sprout, Cannel City Lodge at Cannel City, Pryorsburg Lodge at Pryorsburg.

The Grand Master laid numerous cornerstones, among them the cornerstone of the Old Masons' Home's new building, when he was assisted by Deputy Grand Master Burnam, Grand Junior Warden Ewalt, Grand Treasurer Leathers, Grand Secretary Grant, Grand Tiler Gipe, in the presence of hundreds of the Craft with their families and friends. Two daughters of J. Speed Smith, who was the originator of the Old Masons' Home, graced the occasion. He also laid the cornerstones of Government buildings at London, Paris and Owensboro. The cornerstone of the Government building at Catlettsburg was laid by J. E. Pollock.

Hazard Lodge No. 676, Cox Lodge No. 464 and Morganfield Lodge No. 66 lost their halls by fire during the year.

Permission was given Hazard Lodge and Cox Lodge to solicit aid to rebuild their halls. Suwanee Lodge and Howard Lodge were given permission to build halls. Kelat Lodge, whose meeting place and charter were burned, was given permission to work until Grand Lodge meets. Miles Lodge to move into its new hall at Cupio; Goshen Lodge to move back to Goshen Church; Suwanee Lodge to move into new hall, and to the proposed Masonic Hospital organization of Louisville to solicit funds to build a hospital; J. Speed Smith Lodge to solicit aid from neighboring lodges to erect a monument to Past Grand Master George Breckinridge.

Issued duplicate charter to Stewartsville Lodge in order that it might consolidate with Grant Lodge.

Referring to uniform work, the Grand Master said: "I believe in uniformity of work insofar as the essentials are concerned, but not so far as to have the floor work remind you of a calesthenic drill with broomsticks, and the speaking parts like a recitation by a parrot. I believe in good work, impressive work and the elimination of falsities, and that there is need of instruction in this jurisdiction. We have no lecturers nor district deputies to visit the lodges to give them proper instructions and to adopt a plan providing such entails much expense. Instead, I suggest that the Committee on Work arrange for a school of instruction at next Grand Lodge to exemplify the degrees and representatives come a day earlier and attend this school. It does seem that the masters of Kentucky lodges would gladly

give one day to a school of instruction for their own benefit. I believe they will, and think it worth a trial."

Waivers of jurisdiction were granted by several lodges to confer work for other lodges and to secure the privilege of accepting petitions of non-resident candidates who later will be eligible to membership in local lodges.

J. Speed Smith Lodge No. 298 turned over sufficient additional funds to erect a one-hundred-dollar monument over the grave of Past Grand Master George Breckinridge.

Concerning fees and dues, the Grand Master stated: "One dollar has no more purchasing power now than fifty cents had fifteen years ago. It costs more to support the lodges; it costs more to care for the destitute and afflicted than it did a few years ago. Too many of our lodges have insufficient incomes, and when misfortune overtakes one of their members they cannot help him. I have received letters from other jurisdictions stating that some brother belonging to a Kentucky lodge was sick and penniless, that they had written his lodge which could not or would not do anything because the treasury was empty. If Masonry is of any value to the world, it is worth supporting and supporting liberally at that. How can a lodge support itself on \$2.50 or \$3.00 a year, dues five cents a week, a mere pittance? Five dollars a year is not too much; that is only ten cents a week, with a two weeks' holiday thrown in, and I warrant that there is not a Mason who does not spend, to not so good a purpose, more than that every week. Thirty dollars for the degrees is not too much. \* \* \* I believe in impressing on the candidate that the Blue Lodge is the foundation and principal part of Masonry. We can do this by making him feel the expense. It is human nature to appreciate those things that require the greatest sacrifice and the greatest cost to obtain, and I believe that higher fees would make better Masons and more liberal ones. Now may not be the psychological time for Grand Lodge to officially notice this subject, but I earnestly recommend its careful consideration by every lodge in Kentucky."

Masonic Clubs were organized in Lexington and Louisville, both active and doing good, and these clubs received the Grand Master's approval.

Fort Thomas Lodge hall was dedicated February 25, 1910; public school building was dedicated at Midway, September 12; hall of Hope Lodge dedicated December 7; new hall of Barker Lodge dedicated October 13, and dedicated new hall of Miles Lodge at Cupio.

On February 13, the Grand Master officially received the new building for the industrial department of the Home. A large number of local Masons and their families were present.

Early in December, 1909, Louisville was stirred by the mysterious disappearance of little Alma Kellner, eight years of age, a daughter of Brother Fred Kellner, member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 147. The Grand Master notified all the Grand Secretaries in the United States. A reward of \$3,000.00 was offered for her return. Several weeks later the mutilated and partly burned body of this little girl was found in the basement of a parochial school in connection with St. John's Catholic Church, on East Walnut and Clay Streets, Louisville, and the alleged murderer subsequently sent to the penitentiary.

The Masonic Temple problem still confronts the Grand Master and he referred to the report of the chairman of that committee.

He speaks at length concerning the industries as carried on at the Home (see Proceedings, pages 24 and 25).

Differences between two lodges were amicably settled by Past Grand Master Wilhelm.

The Grand Master submitted the provisions of Section 175 of our Constitution (see Proceedings, pages 26 and 27) and received in return some counter propositions.

The uniformity of demits was considered, and resolutions and suggestions of other Grand Jurisdictions quoted (see Proceedings, page 29).

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Baltimore and made report. This was when Section 175 of our Constitution was discussed (see Proceedings, pages 29, 30 and 31).

Also attended the organization of the Washington Masonic National Memorial Association on February 22, and represented Kentucky in the same.

Recommended the recognition of foreign Grand Lodges when of regular Masonic origin.

Of the Masonic Home Journal, the Grand Master said: "After retiring from the office of Grand Master I will be able to devote more time to the Journal and shall do my best to improve it further, though I believe as it now is, considering its cost to you, that you are getting full value and more."

Nineteen lodges in Louisville had endorsed a movement to erect a Masonic Hospital.

Visited forty-six different lodges and could not accept invitations from a number of others.

In conclusion: "Wherever I went I was received with hearty welcome, treated with the greatest consideration and shown every courtesy. It has been a delightful year for me, one never to be forgotten, and in laying down the gavel and returning to you the standard placed in my hands one year ago, I do so with a heart full of love and gratitude to you each and everyone,

hoping that I have pleased you and served you well and faithfully, but if not, with the self-consciousness that I have done my level best."

Past Grand Master J. W. Landrum offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That with our Grand Master, we gratefully acknowledge the mercy and wisdom of the Grand Architect of the Universe. We congratulate the Craft on the prolonged life and usefulness of the venerable Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and the Grand Master upon his active zeal and happy Masonic life, earnestly hoping that he may be born again into connubial felicity in securing a worthy, congenial companion to share his bliss."

The Grand Master's action on many matters (see Proceedings, page 36) was approved and the remainder referred to proper committees.

Grand Treasurer John H. Leathers presented his report which was referred to Committee on Finance. For details (see Proceedings, pages 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45). The recapitulation, however, showed the following figures:

Balance, October 1, 1909 .....	\$ 38,414.09
Receipts, October 1, 1909, to September 30, 1910.....	116,883.14
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Total .....	\$155,297.23
Disbursements, warrants .....	87,247.95
Disbursements, warrants .....	15,099.81
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Total .....	\$102,347.76
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Balance .....	\$52,949.47

For mileage and per diem account (see Proceedings, pages 97 to 107, inclusive).

Grand Secretary H. B. Grant presented his report, the introduction to which reads: "While sixteen lodges failed to forward returns at the time required by law, the operation of the new Constitution and Regulations seems to have had a salutary effect, so that for the first time within my recollection the work of every lodge will appear in the statistical table."

The prize offered by the Grand Secretary for the best return made in 1909 was awarded by a committee to Brother Charles Wurster, secretary of the Covington Lodge, which supplemented the award by presenting Brother Wurster a gold watch chain, thus showing its appreciation of the efficiency and faithfulness of its secretary.

Thirty-two lodges failed to comply with the law in relation to making returns and paying dues as set forth in Regulation 187. Warnings were published in the Masonic Home Journal.

Addressed postal card blanks for reports of officers elected in December were sent out to secretaries in November.

Stewartsville Lodge No. 519 became defunct for failing to comply with the law regarding consolidations.

Hepburn Lodge No. 576 was relieved of paying dues for a member confined in an insane asylum.

The Grand Lecturer's jewel worn by J. Speed Smith, while soliciting means to erect the Old Masons' Home, was presented to Mrs. Smith in the name of the Grand Lodge.

Various matters were referred to committees (see Proceedings, pages 47, 48, 49 and 50).

Lodges granted charters October 20, 1909, have been regularly established: McDaniels No. 815, David Faulkner No. 816, Smith's Grove No. 817, Atterson No. 818, Howard No. 819, Crescent Hill No. 820, Lone Oak No. 821, Nash No. 822, Maceo No. 823.

Lodges and membership were reported as follows:

Members 1910 .....	35,983
Members 1909 .....	33,582
Gain in members .....	2,401
Initiated in 1909 .....	2,936
Admitted in 1909 .....	728
Reinstated .....	419
Total gain .....	4,083
Died since returns of 1909 .....	492
Expelled since returns of 1909 .....	23
Suspended since returns of 1909 .....	776
Demitted since returns of 1909 .....	1,055
Total loss .....	2,346
Apparent net gain .....	1,737
The difference in the two showings is occasioned by failure of returns to be received in time to include each all year.	
Chartered lodges last report .....	539
Lodges defunct .....	1
Total .....	538
Lodges U. D. holding over .....	8
Lodges U. D. established .....	11
Total number of lodges .....	557
On motion of Past Grand Master W. LaRue Thomas the Grand Secretary's report was distributed to proper committees.	
Past Grand Master Landrum introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:	

"Resolved, That the Grand Deacons be instructed to reserve the first rows in this auditorium, at each session of the grand body, for representatives of subordinate lodges who are sixty years old or over, and those hard of hearing. The future apportionment of seats shall be in conformity with this resolution."

The Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

Appeals—Virgil P. Smith, E. L. Hendricks and Orie S. Ware.

By-Laws—James E. Wilhelm, S. A. Lederman and S. M. Cecil.

Finance—H. R. French, E. C. Sellers and G. C. Atkinson.

Jurisprudence—B. G. Witt, James Garnett and C. A. McMillan.

Lodges U. D.—R. H. C. Rhea, J. T. Kincaid and A. H. Bryant.

Necrology—John G. Orndorff.

Our Homes—Sam K. Veach, W. T. Chilton and C. W. Follin.

Credentials—A. A. Hazelrigg, Henry Turner and John P. Selbert.

Visitors—S. P. Browning, E. W. Weathers and Robert Smith.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1910

### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:00 o'clock a. m.

Minutes of previous meeting had been printed and distributed.

Deputy Grand Master R. R. Burnam submitted a report on the Henry P. Barret Fund, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 55 and 56).

Past Master George A. Lewis introduced a resolution requiring the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to have addresses and reports printed and distributed prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge. Adopted.

Past Grand Master R. H. C. Rhea read the report of the Committee on Lodges U. D., which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 56 to 61).

Past Grand Master Virgil P. Smith read the report of Committee on Appeals, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 61 and 62).

The Grand Master appointed E. G. S. Alverson, Grand Pursuivant in place of William H. Porter, who was called home, and George B. Winslow a member of Committee on Appeals, in lieu of E. L. Hendricks, excused.

Past Grand Master John G. Orndorff submitted a report of Committee on Necrology, which was adopted, wherein was noted

the deaths of Past Grand Master John A. Ramsey and Grand Chaplain Rev. J. W. Rogers (see Proceedings, pages 63, 64, 65, 66 and 67).

Past Grand Master J. E. Wilhelm read report of Committee on By-Laws, which was adopted.

Past Grand Master Frank Peak, for Committee on Homes, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge approve the action of the Board of Directors of the Old Masons' Home in using so much of this year's 25c per capita as will be required to complete and properly equip the building now being constructed."

Past Grand Master Henry P. Barret read report of Trustees of Masonic Temple, which was adopted, and which showed:

Total income for the year .....	\$24,378.60
Cost of operating .....	14,216.34

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Net gain .....	\$10,162.26
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Also financial statement showing assets and liabilities (see Proceedings, pages 69, 70, 71 and 72).

Past Grand Master William W. Clarke presented report on Doings of Other Grand Lodges (see appendix to Proceedings).

Brother A. A. Hazelrigg read report of Committee on Credentials, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 72, 73 and 74).

Brother Charles A. McMillan, on behalf of the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented a detail report (see Proceedings, pages 74, 75 and 76), which was adopted as presented.

Deputy Grand Master Burnam recommended that the standing of Brother W. W. Pigg be so corrected as to declare him a free member. Recommendation concurred in (see Proceedings, page 77).

On motion, the following were excused from roll call: J. H. Despain (695), W. S. Stone (622), and V. C. Landrum (323).

Officers were elected as follows: Robert R. Burnam (25), Grand Master; Dave Jackson (144), Deputy Grand Master; Joe H. Ewalt (716), Grand Senior Warden; Orie S. Ware (109), Grand Junior Warden.

Report of Committee on "Our Homes" made special order for 3:00 p. m.

Past Grand Master Gerard offered amendment to the Constitution in reference to insane. Laid over until next annual communication.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2:30 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Election of officers resumed with following result: John H. Leathers (376), Grand Treasurer; Henry B. Grant (400), Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary appointed John I. Fisher (79), Assistant Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Master H. R. French submitted a report for the Committee on Finance (see Proceedings, pages 79 to 83), in which was recommended the following appropriations:

Extra help for Grand Secretary .....	\$100.00
Assistants to Grand Secretary .....	40.00
Grand Tiler, laundry aprons .....	13.10

Report adopted.

The following was adopted: "In view of the fact that Worshipful Brother Cowles has visited a great number of lodges, thereby enthusing everybody to greater activity: Resolved, We commend this in Brother Cowles and recommend that his successor emulate his example."

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

## THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1910

Grand Lodge resumed labor at the stated hour.

Report of Custodians of the Work (see Proceedings, pages 84 and 85).

Supplemental report of Committee on Lodges U. D. (see Proceedings, page 85).

Report of Committee on Our Homes, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 85, 86 and 87).

Supplemental report of Committee on Appeals presented and adopted.

Two representatives were suspended because of intoxication.

Supplemental report of Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges received and adopted (see Proceedings, page 94).

Matter of mileage and per diem readjusted.

Past Grand Master Warren LaRue Thomas installed the following officers: Robert R. Burnam, Grand Master; Dave Jackson, Deputy Grand Master; Joseph H. Ewalt, Grand Senior Warden; Orie S. Ware, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer; John I. Fisher, Assistant Grand Secretary; Rev. E. E. Smith, Grand Chaplain; Laban T. Everett, Grand Senior Deacon; Henry R. Lawrence, Grand Junior Deacon; James R. Rogers, Grand Marshal; Aaron A. Sharp, Grand

Sword Bearer; W. R. Tabor, Grand Pursuivant; Charles A. Gipe, Grand Tiler.

Grand Secretary H. B. Grant not to be installed until January.

The Grand Master appointed the following committees:

Appeals—James Garnett, A. A. Hazelrigg and G. Allison Holland.

By-Laws—Virgil P. Smith, C. A. McMillan and Robert C. Stockton.

Finance—E. C. Sellers, B. M. Arnett and Robert W. Smith.

Jurisprudence—B. G. Witt, George B. Winslow and James F. Winn.

Lodges U. D.—G. Pierce Browning, W. W. Rubel and Isaac T. Woodson.

Necrology—John G. Orndorff.

Our Homes—John H. Cowles, J. Ed. Pollock and C. N. Smith.

Proceedings—William W. Clarke.

Trustees Masonic Temple—Carl W. Wiseman, Henry P. Barrett, B. B. Davis, W. R. Johnston and W. B. Trumbo.

The Grand Secretary presented a past grand master's jewel to retiring Grand Master John H. Cowles.

An adopted resolution allows the officers of the Grand Lodge to take their respective jewels home with them but to bring them to the next annual communication.

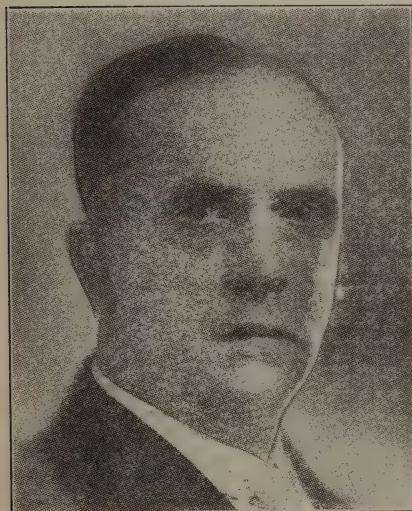
Roll call and absentees noted, and the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was closed in ample form at high twelve.

ROBERT R. BURNAM, Grand Master.

H. B. GRANT, Grand Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Robert Rodes  
Burnam

1911

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Born 1858—Died 1922

Robert Rodes Burnam, a son of Major Curtis F. Burnam, was born in Richmond, Kentucky, November 17, 1858. He died Monday, October 9, 1922, at his residence in Richmond. He was a graduate of Central University and Yale College. In 1880 he became connected with the Farmers National Bank, Richmond, and for more than twenty-five years was an executive of the institution and one of its most dominant figures. He was for many years an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

On July 13, 1880, he was given the Entered Apprentice degree; August 14, he was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, and on September 14, 1880, he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

At the annual election of officers in December, 1880, he was elected Secretary serving in this office for two years. In December, 1885, he was elected Master serving one year. Twenty years later in 1905 he was again elected Master. In the annual October session of Grand Lodge in 1907 he was elected Grand Junior Warden; Grand Senior Warden in 1908; Deputy Grand Master in 1909, and Grand Master, 1910. He received the capitolian degrees in the year 1880, in Richmond Chapter. He was elected High Priest in September, 1883, and again in 1906. He was elected Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, R. A. M., in October, 1900, and was dubbed a Knight Templar in Richmond Commandery. In 1893 he was elected Eminent Commander serving four years in succession. There was a vacancy in the office personnel of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky K. T. in 1909, due to the death of J. Speed Smith, and Brother Burnam was appointed to fill the vacancy. At the annual meeting of the Grand Commandery in Frankfort in 1904, he attained to the high office of Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, in which capacity he served with distinction to himself and honor to the Craft.

## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1911

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, held its One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, beginning Tuesday, October 17, 1911, and was opened in ample form on the third degree at 10:00 o'clock a. m., the following officers present and occupying their respective stations:

Robert R. Burnam .....	Grand Master
Dave Jackson .....	Deputy Grand Master
Joe H. Ewalt .....	Grand Senior Warden
Orie S. Ware .....	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers .....	Grand Treasurer
H. B. Grant.....	Grand Secretary
John W. Ligon .....	Grand Chaplain
John I. Fisher .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
L. T. Everett .....	Grand Senior Deacon
H. R. Lawrence .....	Grand Junior Deacon
J. R. Rogers .....	Grand Marshal
Aaron A. Sharp .....	Grand Sword Bearer
W. R. Tabor .....	Grand Pursuivant
Chas. A. Gipe .....	Grand Tiler

Of the then twenty-six living past grand masters, twenty were in attendance at this session of Grand Lodge. Fifty-five past masters and five hundred and sixty-three representatives were also in attendance.

Grand Master Robert R. Burnam read his address, which was referred to the proper committees.

In opening his address, he said: "In the providence of God we have assembled again as the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., to deliberate on the work of the year, to greet our old friends, make, I trust, some new ones and pass into another era." Continuing, the Grand Master said: "The office of Grand Master is one abounding with so many diversified interests, that I have been unable to get the grip on the work as I have desired, and thus of necessity, I have come short of my own ideals. However, in the service rendered I have been actuated by one motive only, the good of the Craft."

In granting dispensations during the year for the formation of nine lodges, they were as follows: November, 1910, Wheelersburg, Morgan County. December, 1910, Cundiff, Muhlenberg County. February, 1911, W. W. Clarke, Daviess County; Austin, Barren County; Glasgow Junction, Barren County. March, 1911, Halfway, Allen County. May, 1911, Dry Ridge, Grant County; Acme, Hart County. September, 1911, Crutchfield, Fulton County. These, together with five left over from 1910, made a total of 14 lodges then working under dispensation. Speaking of in-

crease in membership Grand Master Burnam said: "The total increase in the subordinate lodges will be about 1,373, giving us an active membership in this state of over 37,356."

"Finances of the Grand Lodge," said the Grand Master, "are steadily improving. The only obligations we have are in connection with the Temple. All interest has been paid and the debt reduced, leaving \$181,000 still due the trustees of the Widows and Orphans' Home, secured by a lien on this building."

The Grand Master also spoke of having made several official visits to lodges during the year and was very much gratified with the courtesy with which he was received in each of these lodges, and regretting his inability to have made a greater number of visits. The Grand Master journeyed to Alexandria, Virginia, in February, 1911, to attend a conference of grand masters, held for the purpose of adopting constitution and by-laws for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. He expressed himself as being in sympathy with the aims and ideals of the association, and informed Grand Lodge that he had pledged for that body \$100.00 and hoped that Grand Lodge would become a permanent member of the association.

The usual amount of routine correspondence was conducted by the Grand Master and that which was worthy of note was reported to Grand Lodge. He reported having made requests to a number of grand lodges for waiver of jurisdiction and for the conference of the three degrees upon candidates that had been elected by Kentucky lodges to receive these degrees. He suspended two masters for being intoxicated during session of Grand Lodge. He reported having refused to grant permission to lodges to initiate candidates having serious physical imperfection. A number of dispensations were granted and a number refused. He gave permission to Beachville Lodge to change its location from Beachville to Sulphur Wells. A number of lodges whose charters had either been destroyed or otherwise disposed of were granted dispensation to continue working until a new charter had been granted them by Grand Lodge. He reported having officiated at the laying of cornerstones and at the dedication of Masonic halls and other public buildings. He also appointed during the year a number of proxies to perform the function of Grand Master at such events as the laying of cornerstones and installation of Grand Secretary, when it was not feasible for the Grand Master to be present in person.

In speaking of the Committee on Work, he said W. C. Black had resigned his position on that committee, stating that it had about fulfilled its usefulness. He seemed persuaded that the committee had reached its end of usefulness, but said, "I wish to give my unqualified approval to the work, adopted by this committee. It is simple, complete, and beautiful." After ex-

pressing his belief in the uniformity of work for the lodges he said: "Nothing would give me greater delight than to see some action taken along this line. I am not one who thinks absolute uniformity desirable, even if it could be obtained, but I am sure if we will establish the basis in a written work, giving the lodges latitude in non-essentials, we would never depart from it. We have clung to the old custom, beautiful in theory, but miserable in practice, too long."

He rendered but few decisions during the year. He recommended uniformity of demits for the various grand jurisdictions.

The Grand Master of Kentucky and Grand Master Geo. W. Guthrie of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, had several exchanges of letters in regard to the "perpetual jurisdiction" law of Pennsylvania.

He reported that litigation pending against Webber Brothers in the Federal courts of Chicago over the Masonic Temple had been definitely closed. This action was taken because The Temple Co. had collected from this firm \$10,293.70.

Speaking of our Homes, he said: "It has been my pleasure to meet with the directors of the Widows and Orphans' Home only once during the year. It may seem to some that I have been derelict and I would have this feeling myself, except for the consciousness and belief that the institution is one of the best equipped and managed in the country. The men of the Board, many of whom have for years given their time, their means, and their strength for its up-building, are more watchful of its interests than they are of their own personal affairs. They labor without hope of fee or reward, apparently, but their work shall not be lost. Many who have found shelter there in the past and many who in the future will rise up to call them blessed."

He spoke very highly of the Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville, as being one of our greatest Masonic charities. "If you would see," said the Grand Master, "Masonic charity in its purity, visit this Home, see the old men whose lives are behind them, broken in health, broken in body and mind, and dependent on your charity for their support in their declining years, each waiting for the call."

He said that "Death is as old as time, and as universal as humanity, and happy indeed am I to report that during the past year not a grand officer nor a past grand officer has been called from us—across the river."

He spoke very complimentary of both the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary.

In closing his address, he said in part: "While my interest in and love for the Craft shall never cease, still those wonderful lines of that far-away eastern poet come to me as my term

of service closes, with a power and force, appreciated fully only by those who have preceded me in this office.

" 'Tis but a tent where takes his one day's rest  
A Sultan to the realm of Death addrest;  
The Sultan rises, and the dark Ferrash—  
Strikes, and prepares it for another guest."

The Grand Treasurer, John H. Leathers, presented his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. A recapitulation of this report showed there was on hand, October 1, 1910, \$52,969.47, and there was received during the year \$112,530.80, making the total receipts for the year \$165,500.27. The total disbursements were \$122,033.99, leaving a balance on hand of \$43,466.28.

H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary, read his report, which was received and referred to the proper committees.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke, for the Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges, presented his report, which was printed in the Grand Lodge Proceedings as an appendix.

Brother H. B. Grant offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Resolved, That Section 53 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words, 'it shall also' and the words 'an expert accountant selected by the Grand Master shall' be inserted in lieu thereof; and all provisions of the Constitution and Regulations inconsistent therewith be repealed, and any alteration necessary to make the laws consistent in this matter shall be suggested by the Jurisprudence Committee as a part thereof."

Sixteen inmates of the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky were presented to the Grand Lodge by Past Grand Master B. G. Witt and received with grand honors.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1911

### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:00 o'clock a. m.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the previous day was disposed with inasmuch as they had been printed and distributed.

Grand Master Robert R. Burnam appointed the following Special Committee on Work: Sam K. Veach (65), Carlisle; Henry P. Barret (9), Henderson; C. N. Smith (28), Danville.

Amendments to Regulations No. 162, No. 163, No. 265, and No. 229 were offered and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. On the amendment to Regulation No. 265, the com-

mittee reported as follows: "The Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the foregoing resolution, reports same with the expression of opinion that it should not be adopted." The report of the committee was concurred in.

In regard to amendment to Regulation No. 299, the committee expressed the opinion that it should not be adopted. This action was also approved by the Grand Lodge.

The proposed amendment to Regulations Nos. 162 and 163 were recommended by the committee for adoption. This recommendation, however, was not concurred in by Grand Lodge.

Brother H. B. Shipp offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was concurred in:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge furnish to subordinate lodges copies of impending resolutions in full, and forward same ninety days previous to the annual Grand Lodge meeting."

The Jurisprudence Committee was composed of B. G. Witt, J. F. Winn, and Geo. B. Winslow.

Past Grand Master Peak offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Whereas, In the action of B. Wyle, etc., vs. The Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., then pending in the Oldham Circuit Court, the said court did on March 27, 1873, enter a judgment in said action directing the then commissioner of said court, John W. McGee, to convey by proper quit-claim deed all the property mentioned and referred to in the judgment, as held by the said Grand Lodge in Oldham county, to the trustees of Funk Seminary, which included four lots on the west side of Main, cross street between Jefferson Street and Ninth Street, in the town of LaGrange, and on the plat thereof as lots Nos. 76, 82, 88, and 94; and

Whereas, The said commissioner, by mistake and omissions, failed to include the above numbered lots in the deed, and

Whereas, The Oldham Circuit Court, at the February term, 1911, thereof, ordered said lots to be and they were sold under said order; and

Whereas, P. S. Head became the purchaser thereof, now in order to make perfect the title thereto, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Master be and he is directed to execute a quit-claim deed to said lots to P. S. Head, or to whomsoever he, the said Head, may direct the same to be made in writing."

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke moved that a brother from Sonora Lodge No. 12, Mexico, be admitted as a visitor on proper evidence of his being qualified to enter a Master Masons' lodge. Carried. The brother was introduced and seated.

Past Master S. P. Browning, chairman of the Committee on Lodges U. D., read their report, which was adopted.

Past Grand Master Virgil P. Smith submitted the report of the Committee on By-Laws, which was adopted.

Officers were elected as follows: Dave Jackson (144), London, Grand Master; Joe H. Ewalt (716), Paris, Deputy Grand Master; Orie S. Ware (109), Covington, Grand Senior Warden; Geo. B. Winslow (134), Carrollton, Grand Junior Warden.

Past Master John A. Higgins, chairman of the Committee on Credentials, read their report, which was adopted.

Past Master Geo. A. Lewis offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Whereas, The charter granted by this Grand Body, in October, 1800, to Hiram Lodge No. 4, has become defaced and almost illegible from long use and exposure, and said lodge desires to preserve the same in a safe place of deposit.

"Resolved, That Hiram Lodge No. 4 is hereby authorized to have made a true copy of its charter, which shall become its authority to work, when certified by the Grand Secretary, in lieu of the original—said original to be indorsed by the Grand Secretary and remain in the possession of the lodge as an historic relic."

On motion the same courtesy and privilege was granted to Morganfield Lodge No. 66 and for the same reasons as were just granted to Hiram Lodge No. 4 in relation to its old charter and use of a copy thereof.

Brother C. N. Smith of the Committee on Our Homes, submitted the report for that committee, which was adopted. Said the report:

"On September 11, we visited our Widows and Orphans' Home without advertising our coming. So we believe that you can accept our report as the average conditions of the Home every month, every week, and every day in the year. We recommend that every Mason present at this meeting of the Grand Lodge, so far as possible, visit the Home before leaving the city, and if you will we believe your hearts will be strangely warmed as ours were, not only toward our brothers' little children, but toward all the noble characters engaged in every part of this great and unselfish work of love. We are informed that almost every day the President of the Board of Directors (though a man with every day filled with the cares of life) takes time to visit the Home to see and know that all goes well, and has such perfect understanding with his Board of Directors that should occasion demand it, a quorum could, in less than one hour, be assembled at the Home for duty.

"That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to our brothers of the medical fraternity who have so

unselfishly and lovingly answered every call made on them, day or night, to relieve in every way in their power the sickness of the inmates of the Home, and for which they never charge a cent. We would be glad to call their names that they might be known and honored by every Mason in Kentucky, but for fear we might overlook some worthy brother we do not mention names."

Past Grand Master John G. Orndorff submitted the report of the Committee on Necrology, which, after singing one verse of the hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was adopted.

Past Master Brinton B. Davis, for the trustees of the Masonic Temple, made their report, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Past Grand Master Sam K. Veach moved that the sympathy of the Grand Lodge be extended to Past Grand Master Hopper and that the Grand Secretary convey the same to him.

A telegram of congratulations was received from the Grand Lodge of Ohio. It was as follows:

Dayton, Ohio, October 18, 1911.

Henry B. Grant,  
Masonic Temple,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

Ohio sends her usual fraternal greetings to Kentucky and wishes you harmony and success.

J. H. Bromwell,  
Grand Secretary.

On instruction of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary wired the following reply:

J. H. Bromwell,  
Grand Secretary,  
Grand Lodge of Ohio.  
Dayton, Ohio.

With ardent brotherly love and every good wish Kentucky reciprocates the cherished greeting of Ohio.

H. B. Grant,  
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed the election of officers with the following result: John H. Leathers (376) was elected Grand Treasurer; H. B. Grant (400) was elected Grand Secretary.

Brother E. C. Sellers submitted the report of the Committee on Finance which, except three paragraphs relating to amendments to the Constitution, was adopted.

A supplemental report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was made.

Past Grand Master French asked to be excused from the Committee on Uniformity of Work, which the Grand Master took under consideration.

The report of the Committee on Appeals was read by Past Grand Master James Garnett and adopted.

A supplemental report of the Committee on Finance was submitted by E. C. Sellers and adopted.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1911

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was made by Brother J. F. Winn and was, with some few exceptions, adopted as read. One interesting part of this report was relating to documentary evidence and impostors. The following preamble and resolution were referred to this committee:

Whereas, At the present time there are a large number of impostors and clandestine Masons traveling through the state, and many of these men are well versed in ritualistic work and often stand creditable examinations, but many times cannot produce proper vouchers of their standing in their lodge, and many times there are worthy brethren who visit lodges without such credentials, and in order that there may be a thorough understanding in regard to whom will be furnished examining committee by Grand Lodge: be it

Resolved, That no one claiming to be a Mason will be given an examining committee, unless he can produce receipt for his last year's dues under the seal of his lodge, if under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and when from another jurisdiction he shall be required to produce credentials from the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction under which the same is holden, showing that he is in good standing at the time he visits. Provided that no one who can be vouched for by another brother present will be required to furnish the above-mentioned credentials."

The preamble and resolution were non-concurred in.

Past Grand Master Virgil P. Smith offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That no claim as a 50-year member shall be made in the annual returns by the lodge secretary, unless full details as required by the Constitution shall have been filed with the Grand Secretary before August 1st, prior to making out the annual returns."

Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm, chairman of the Custodians of the Work, made the report of that committee, which was referred to a special committee to be reported on immediately.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke read the report of the Committee on Proceedings of Other Grand Lodges, which was adopted.

On motion, the Special Committee on Uniformity of Demits was granted further time and Past Grand Master Chas. H. Fisk was made chairman.

A supplemental report of the Committee on Our Homes was presented by Brother C. N. Smith, which contained two recommendations, the first being that Regulation No. 19 be changed to read as follows: "An assessment of 75c a year for each member, including ministers and fifty-year members, is levied upon the membership of the Grand Jurisdiction for support of the beneficiaries of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and the said assessment shall be collected from members of the respective lodges as dues and the amount thereof shall be paid to the Grand Secretary in the same manner and at the same time the annual dues to the Grand Lodge are paid, and by same shall be turned over to the Grand Treasurer. Said assessment shall be paid to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home as provided in Section 30, Sub-section 3 of the Constitution."

The resolution was adopted.

The committee offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home be, and they are requested to fix the subscription price of the Masonic Home Journal at 25 cents per annum instead of 50 cents per annum, with the assurance that all Masons in the jurisdiction will give said paper their hearty support and will subscribe therefor. The secretary of each subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction is requested to become the agent of the Masonic Home Journal and collect the subscription price therefor from Masons in the jurisdiction of their lodge and pay same to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home."

Brother C. N. Smith, for the Committee on Work, read their report. The committee said, in part:

"We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to examine the Manual of Monitorial

Ceremonies and Instruction prepared by J. N. Saunders, past master, report:

"We find same to be a splendid exposition and interpretation of the lessons and ceremonies presented, and the presentation of them made in the attractive, scholarly way, that rendered the compilation a valuable one for the use of the Craft.

"We further recommend this report be received and adopted as the expression of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M."

Henry P. Barret,  
Chas. N. Smith,  
Sam K. Veach,  
Committee.

The report was not concurred in.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert R. Burnam, assisted by Past Grand Master John W. Landrum, acting as Grand Marshal, installed Brother Dave Jackson, Grand Master-elect, and the other Grand Officers who had been duly elected and appointed, except the Grand Secretary, who under the law, is installed in December:

Dave Jackson (144), London, Grand Master; Jos. H. Ewalt (716), Paris, Deputy Grand Master; Orie S. Ware (109), Covington, Grand Senior Warden; Geo. B. Winslow (134), Carrollton, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers (376), Louisville, Grand Treasurer; H. B. Grant (400), Louisville, Grand Secretary; Chas. M. Reid (661), Middlesboro, Grand Chaplain; John I. Fisher (79), No. Middletown, Assistant Grand Secretary; L. A. Davis (617), Berea, Grand Senior Deacon; W. M. Phillips (636), Crab Orchard, Grand Junior Deacon; Geo. B. Spencer (65), Carlisle, Grand Marshal; John Vose (325), Ashland, Grand Sword Bearer; John C. Vaught (20), Winchester, Grand Pursuivant; Chas. A. Gipe (266), Louisville, Grand Tiler.

Grand Master Dave Jackson, upon his induction into office, called up the Grand Lodge and invoked divine guidance and blessing; then addressed the Grand Lodge in a forceful and earnest manner, that produced a profound impression.

The Grand Secretary, in conformity with Regulation No. 329 (through Past Grand Master B. G. Witt), presented a past grand master's jewel to the retiring Grand Master, Robert R. Burnam, in the name of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Black, on behalf of McKee Lodge No. 144, presented Grand Master Jackson a large bouquet of chrysanthemums, and Past Grand Master Veach presented another bouquet in the name of Grand Master Jackson's family.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Dave Jackson named the following standing committees:

Committee on Appeals—R. E. Woods (400), Louisville, chairman; John G. Cramer (1), Lexington; Jacob Sambrooks (731), Livingston.

Committee on By-Laws—E. B. Beard (5), Shelbyville, chairman; M. H. McCorkle (661), Middlesboro; John W. Brown (640). Mt. Vernon.

Committee on Finance—Howard R. French (23), Mt. Sterling, chairman; Alex M. Woodruff (506), Louisville; Hugh J. Harris (668), Corbin.

Committee on Jurisprudence—James F. Winn (20), Winchester, chairman; Chester M. Jewett (18), Cynthiana; G. G. Brock (144), London.

Committee on Lodges U. D.—Al. H. Bryant (159), Covington, chairman; Fred Roth (449), Paducah; Read Black (187), Barbourville.

Committee on Necrology—John C. McKee (144), London.

Committee on Our Homes—Isaac T. Woodson (760), Louisville, chairman; W. E. Pool (603), Vine Grove; N. D. Stigall (634), Burnside.

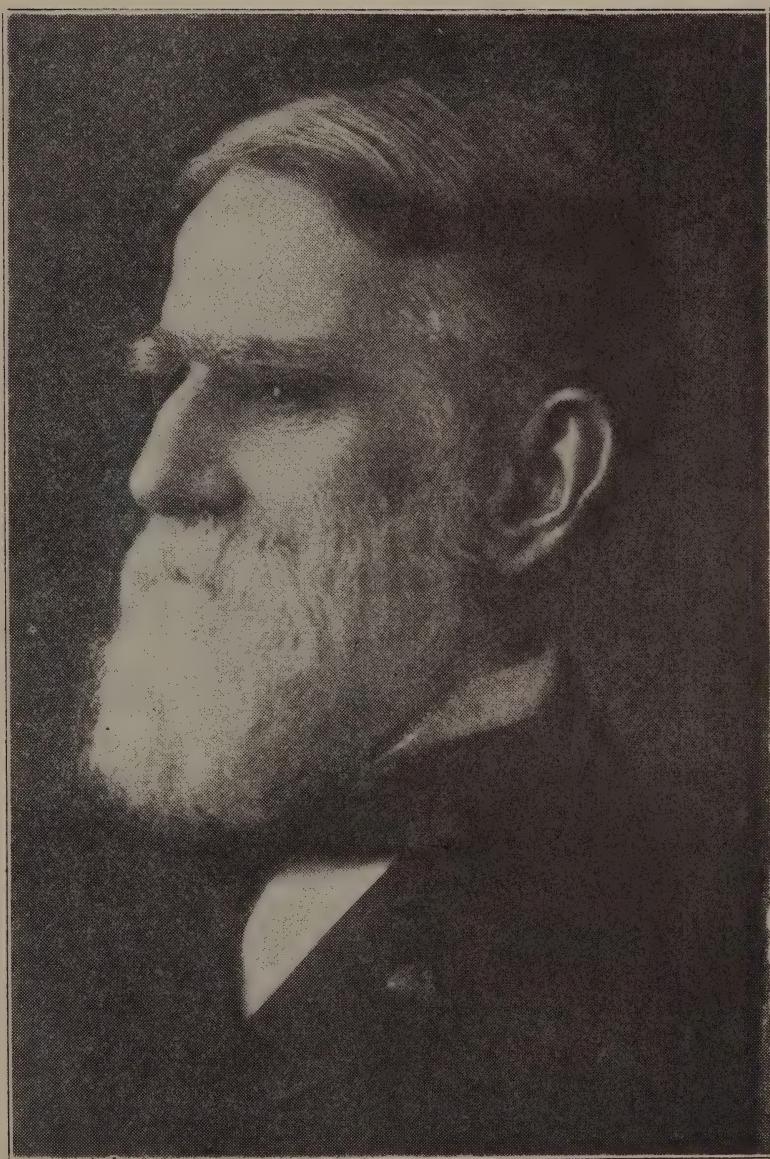
Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges—W. W. Clarke (130), Owensboro.

Trustees of Masonic Temple—W. B. Trumbo, Jr. (281); Carl M. Wiseman (376); Henry P. Barret (9); Brinton B. Davis (449); William R. Johnston (87).

After roll call Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at high twelve.

DAVE JACKSON, Grand Master.

H. B. GRANT, Grand Secretary.

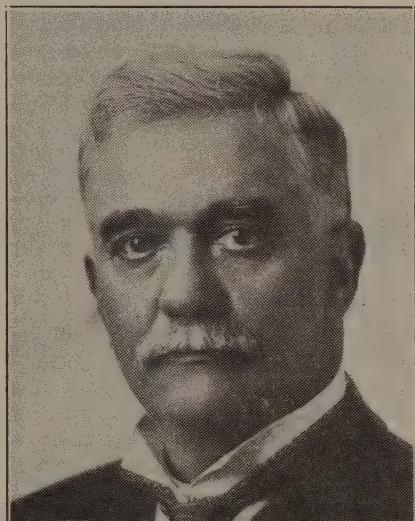


CAPTAIN H. B. GRANT  
Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky  
from 1887 to 1912



## ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Dave Jackson

1912

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Born 1856—Died 1922

Dave Jackson was a native of London, Kentucky, born January 27, 1856, and died January 22, 1922. He was a member and Past Master of McKee Lodge No. 144, London, Kentucky; London Chapter No. 103, Royal Arch Masons; London Council No. 60, Royal and Select Masters, and London Commandery No. 24, Knights Templar. He was elected to and would have received the degrees in Oleika Temple, Mystic Shrine, had he lived. He was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, October, 1908; Grand Senior Warden, October, 1909; Deputy Grand Master, October, 1910, and Grand Master, October, 1911, serving until 1912. He was elected Grand Secretary, October, 1912, and re-elected each year, the last time in 1921. He was a member of the Baptist Church and had delivered many lectures to Sunday Schools and Men's Bible Classes. He lived the kind of life that was worthy of imitation. His brethren loved him and he loved them. Words are inadequate to express the sorrow of the Craft. His death was painfully sudden. Brother Jackson's great Masonic slogan was, "God bless you, brethren, it means so much to be a Mason." He was buried in Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, survived by his widow.

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FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1912

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, held its One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, commencing Tuesday, October 15, 1912, and was opened in ample form on the third degree at 10 o'clock a. m. Present:

Dave Jackson .....	Grand Master
Joe H. Ewalt .....	Deputy Grand Master
Orie S. Ware .....	Grand Senior Warden
George B. Winslow .....	Grand Junior Warden
John I. Fisher .....	Grand Secretary
John H. Leathers .....	Grand Treasurer
Rev. C. M. Reid .....	Grand Chaplain
L. A. Davis .....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. M. Phillips .....	Grand Junior Deacon
George B. Spencer .....	Grand Marshal
John Vose .....	Grand Sword Bearer
John C. Vaught .....	Grand Pursuivant
Charles A. Gipe .....	Grand Tiler

Of twenty-seven past grand masters, twenty were present. Forty past masters and 538 representatives answered roll call.

Grand Master Jackson delivered his address, from which the following is quoted:

"With a heart full of love for you and praises to Him who doeth all things well, and whose goodness and mercies follow us all the days of our lives, we are again permitted to assemble in Grand Communication, and to you I extend a hearty and fraternal welcome to this the One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. To be Grand Master means a great deal, and for the feeble way in which I have managed affairs I hope I shall not be condemned; God knows my heart. My acts have been honest and just toward all the Craft. The lodges throughout the state seem to be alive to the situation and I am happy to report that peace and harmony prevail, and that the good Lord has provided bountiful crops for which each and everyone should be thankful. The year has been one of pleasure and also one of toil. I have answered every call where it has been possible to so do, and have used my best efforts to put into the hearts of the Craft that it should mean much to be a Mason, and there is something for each of us to do. We have before us a great work that no one but you Masons can do, so let us awake to the situation and be about our duty as our days are numbered and fast flying by. And while we are rejoicing at the success of our great work, let us pause to pay a tribute of love and sorrow to our fraternal dead. Captain Henry Bannister Grant, Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, is the one whom God called from our official family. Unwelcome and uninvited the death angel crept into our midst and plucked from us one of the noblest characters, one of the brightest minds, and one of the truest Masons that, to my mind, Freemasonry has ever been blessed with. Captain Grant was a Masonic code within himself, loved by all who knew him, a friend to the poor, a help to the helpless and a comfort to those who

knew him best. He was a Mason in deed and in truth. He put into practice each day the great teachings of Masonry, charity, that charity which suffereth long and is not puffed up. His life has been a great sermon within itself. We mourn the loss of Brother Grant and extend to his beloved family our heartfelt sympathy and love in this sad experience which they have been called upon to endure."

The Grand Master appointed John I. Fisher to succeed Brother Grant and he was installed in Lewis Lodge No. 191, Louisville, September 30, 1912, his bond for \$10,000 having been accepted. He also approved the bond of Captain Grant in the same sum of \$10,000 which would have expired November 1, 1912.

Lodges do not pass upon the validity of petitions for new lodges; they merely consent or refuse permission for the establishment of a new lodge in concurrent jurisdiction, was one of Grand Master Jackson's decisions. Consent of a majority of lodges is all that is necessary.

No dues or assessments are charged to any lodge on a member during his confinement in an insane asylum.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky does not endorse books of ciphers of Masonic rituals. Other states have nothing to do with Kentucky Masonic work.

Section 117 of the Constitution declares that "no lodge shall receive the petition of anyone engaged in the manufacture or sale of liquors as a beverage." Regulation 388 is positive in its terms (see Constitution).

In the matter of an objection to receiving a petition each lodge must use its own judgment.

Dispensations were granted for new lodges as follows: Adairville, Stowers, Okolona, Woodbine, New Bethel, Friedland, Glensborn, Boaz, Jenkins, Highland Park and Yerkes.

Eighteen proxies were appointed to represent the Grand Master on various missions.

Dispensations for public installation of officers were granted to eighteen lodges.

Seven lodges were allowed to confer the Entered Apprentice degree on more than the constitutional number the same day.

Nine lodges were granted permission to operate in public parades, change place of meeting and dates.

The Grand Master visited forty-three different lodges and Masonic gatherings during the year.

Arrested the charter of one lodge for misconduct in repeating the ballot on a candidate without the intervening of required time. Upon surrender of old charter and a reorganization a new charter was given.

Under the caption of "Our Homes," Grand Master Jackson said: "I heartily concur in all the good things that have been

said about our Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary. This Home is beyond a doubt the pride of every Kentucky Mason's heart and is the finest of the kind in the land. The management of this Home by Brother T. J. Adams and his estimable wife, with a competent corps of teachers, cannot be excelled. I believe in giving you your flowers while you live; to put them on your coffin after you are dead is a waste of time and money. But if one deserves flowers give them while he lives. Having been at this Home at any and all times, I really believe that you have the best superintendent that could be found anywhere. I do not speak in terms to flatter anyone. If I did not believe this I would not say so."

The work of St. John's Day League was praised.

He found the Old Masons' Home in good condition. Thinks no mistake had been made in the selection of the present superintendent.

Paid notes to the amount of \$16,000 against the Masonic Temple and made suggestion (see Proceedings, page 24).

Trial in other states reviewed (see Proceedings, pages 24 and 25). Also correspondence between subordinate lodges (see Proceedings, pages 25 and 26). Perpetual jurisdiction and Masonic Home Journal receive consideration (see Proceedings, pages 26 and 27).

Recommends uniformity of work.

Attended the initial meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association (see Proceedings, pages 31, 32 and 33).

On motion, the Grand Master's address was distributed to proper committees.

Grand Treasurer John H. Leathers presented his report, which showed the following figures:

Balance October 1, 1911 .....	\$ 43,466.28
Collections .....	111,138.80

Total .....	\$ 154,605.08
Warrants paid .....	81,649.25

Balance .....	\$ 72,955.83
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Grand Secretary John I. Fisher's report showed:	
Chartered lodges reported 1911 .....	561
Lodges U. D. holding over .....	6
Lodges instituted .....	13

Total .....	580
Lodges arrested .....	1
Lodges surrendered .....	2

Total lodges October 1, 1912 .....	578
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Members September 30, 1911 .....	37,356
Gain during year .....	1,426

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Present membership .....	38,782
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Finances—received during year .....	\$86,204.54
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Nine appeals were referred to Committee on Appeals.

Eight cases were referred to Committee on Finance.

Twenty-four cases were referred to Committee on Lodges U. D. (see Proceedings, pages 45 and 46).

The following lodges were granted charters and established: Red Bird 838, Hood 839, Russell Springs 840, Pryorsburg 841, Hazel Creek 842, Cundiff 845, W. W. Clarke 846, Austin 847, and Glasgow Junction 848.

The Grand Secretary acknowledged receipt of the past grand master's jewel of the late Brother John A. Ramsey, devised by him to the Grand Lodge.

Brother H. B. Grant's "Fraternally Thine" was recommended as the superscription to all Masonic correspondence.

Increase in salary and improvements in the Grand Secretary's office recommended.

Lodge secretaries and returns (see Proceedings, pages 47 and 48).

#### Financial Summary

##### Assets:

Masonic Temple .....	\$259,366.68
Trust Fund .....	90,555.74
Office and Library .....	4,883.45
Centennial Medals .....	300.00
Subordinate Lodges .....	3,298.15
Cash in Treasury .....	79,389.93

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Total .....	\$437,793.95
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##### Liabilities:

Grand Lodge of Kentucky .....	\$223,666.94
Coupon Bonds .....	165,000.00
Library Fund .....	710.72
Widows and Orphans' Home .....	29,581.25
Old Masons' Home .....	9,672.79
Masonic Home Journal .....	9,162.25

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Total .....	\$437,793.95
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Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke, Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges, presented his report, which is printed in an appendix.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1912

## MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9 o'clock a. m., and minutes of preceding session distributed.

Brother Isaac T. Woodson, chairman of Committee on Our Homes, submitted a report (see Proceedings, pages 51 through 57), which was adopted.

Brother Lee A. Scearce, for Committee on Credentials, made report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 57, 58 and 59).

Brother William Carson Black offered a resolution which was referred to the Custodians of Work, whose report upon same was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 59 and 60).

Brother James F. Winn, chairman of Jurisprudence Committee, submitted extended report, which, with one exception, was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 60 to 65, inclusive).

Brother E. B. Beard, for Committee on By-Laws, read a report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 65 and 66).

Brother A. H. Bryant, for Committee on Lodges U. D., read report (see Proceedings, pages 66 to 72, inclusive), which was adopted.

Joseph H. Ewalt (716), Paris, was elected Grand Master.

Orie S. Ware (109), Covington, was elected Deputy Grand Master.

George B. Winslow (134), Carrollton, was elected Grand Senior Warden.

Brother Charles A. Wilson introduced a resolution relating to Masonic Home and St. John's Day League (see Proceedings, page 73). Report on same due next session of Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Charles H. Fisk read a report on special committee on uniformity of demits, etc., which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 73 to 77, inclusive).

Brother John C. McKee presented the report for Committee on Necrology, which was adopted by unanimous standing vote, the brothers singing "Nearer My God to Thee." The deaths of Henry Bannister Grant, Robert S. Moses and Henry G. Sandifer (see Proceedings, pages 78, 79, 80 and 81). Eloquent eulogies on Captain H. B. Grant were pronounced by Past Masters William W. Clarke and Robert R. Burnam, who were requested to commit the same to writing for publication.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock p. m.

Election of officers was resumed with the following result:

T. J. Adams (400) was elected Grand Junior Warden.

John H. Leathers (376) was re-elected Grand Treasurer.

Dave Jackson (144) was elected Grand Secretary.

Resolution of sympathy extended to Past Grand Master James W. Hopper, who was unable to be present on account of illness.

Past Grand Master Henry P. Barret read the report of the Board of Trustees of Masonic Temple, which was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee and Committee on Finance (see Proceedings, pages 82, 83, 84, 85, 86 and 87).

Past Grand Master Sam K. Veach offered a resolution that the incoming Grand Master, at each succeeding meeting of the Grand Lodge, appoint a committee of one to write a biographical sketch of the retiring Grand Master, and that the same be published in the Proceedings.

Past Grand Master John W. Landrum introduced Brother R. G. Robbins of Mayfield Lodge No. 679, who gave the lecture of the Entered Apprentice degree as required of candidates in his lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1912

Grand Lodge resumed labor at the stated hour.

Brother Robert E. Woods, chairman of the Committee on Appeals, made report (see Proceedings, pages 89, 90 and 91), which was adopted except the case of Harry Cornell vs. Lewis Lodge, was referred back to Lewis Lodge for new trial; and in the case of Earl B. Jones vs. Suburban Lodge, which was dismissed.

Brother J. E. Pollard offered a resolution that the Grand Master be empowered to appoint a reading clerk, which was not concurred in.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke, Committee on Doings of Other Grand Lodges, read his report, which was adopted, except that portion which referred to perpetual jurisdiction, this matter being left for further consideration (see Proceedings, pages 92 and 93).

Past Grand Master John H. Cowles submitted report of the Commissioners of the Henry P. Barret Fund (See Proceedings, pages 93 and 94).

Brother James F. Winn, chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, made supplemental report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 94, 95 and 96).

Past Grand Master Howard R. French for Committee on Finance, presented report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 97, 98, 99 and 100).

The following amendment to the Constitution, offered at the last annual session of the Grand Lodge by Brother H. B. Grant, was unanimously adopted:

"That Section 53 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words, 'It shall also,' and the words, 'An expert accountant selected by the Grand Master shall,' be inserted in lieu thereof; and all provisions of the Constitution and Regulations inconsistent therewith be repealed and any alteration necessary to make the laws consistent in this matter shall be suggested by the Jurisprudence Committee as a part thereof."

Committee on Lodges U. D. recommended that, with the approval of the Grand Master, the charter of Calloway Lodge No. 718 be restored.

A charter was ordered issued to Okolona Lodge U. D.

Committee was appointed to confer with the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home in regard to the chapel building being named the "H. B. Grant Memorial Chapel."

The Jurisprudence Committee presented a resolution amending Section 75 of the Constitution to read, "The salary of the Grand Master shall be five hundred dollars per annum, and he shall also be furnished with necessary stationery."

Past Grand Master John H. Cowles addressed the Grand Lodge in behalf of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Adairville Lodge U. D. was given its old number 238.

Past Grand Master Sam K. Veach installed Grand Master-elect Joseph H. Ewalt, who in turn installed the Deputy Grand Master-elect Orie S. Ware, and the other Grand Officers were installed by Brother Veach, except the Grand Secretary and his duly approved assistant, John I. Fisher, who are to be installed in December. The official list of Grand Officers is as follows: Joseph H. Ewalt, Grand Master; Orie S. Ware, Deputy Grand Master; George B. Winslow, Grand Senior Warden; Thomas J. Adams, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer; Dave Jackson, Grand Secretary; John I. Fisher, Assistant Grand Secretary; James E. Wright, Grand Chaplain; Miles H. H. Davis, Grand Senior Deacon; Stephen H. Fields, Grand Junior Deacon; James R. Rogers, Grand Marshal; Thomas C. Delvaux, Grand Sword Bearer; Flint Singletary, Grand Pursuivant; Charles A. Gipe, Grand Tiler.

Grand Master Ewalt was presented with two beautiful bouquets.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke presented a past grand master's jewel to retiring Grand Master Dave Jackson in the name of the Grand Lodge.

Thirty-three lodges were excused from answering roll call during session and five failed to answer final roll call.

Grand Master Ewalt named the following standing committees:

Appeals—Laban T. Everett, Albert A. Hazelrigg and W. Rodes Shackelford.

By-Laws—John T. Kincaid, Elliott B. Beard and John C. Worsham.

Finance—Robert W. Smith, S. Pearce Browning and Thomas W. Current.

Jurisprudence—Howard R. French, Charles A. McMillan and Charles M. Harris.

Lodges U. D.—Alfred H. Bryant, Sidney S. Pinney and S. Marion Cecil.

Necrology—George A. Lewis.

Our Homes—Charles N. Smith, James Keeley and William L. Linney.

Grand Lodge Proceedings—William W. Clarke.

Trustees Masonic Temple—Sam K. Veach, W. B. Trumbo, Jr., Carl M. Wiseman, Henry P. Barret and B. B. Davis.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was closed in ample form at 2 o'clock p. m.

JOE H. EWALT, Grand Master.

JOHN I. FISHER, Grand Secretary.



## ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Joseph Hedges  
Ewalt

1913

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Born 1865

Joseph Hedges Ewalt was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, on July 15, 1865, at the Ewalt homestead, which he owns, and is his place of residence. This home-  
stead has been continually owned by the Ewals since 1788. His ancestors were rug-  
ged, strong, manly men. Six (6) fought for the independence of the Colonies in the  
Revolutionary War. Some braved the dangers of the wilderness trail and settled in  
the then "Dark and Bloody Ground," on the lands still held by their descendants.  
By right of Revolutionary ancestors, Brother Ewalt holds a membership in the  
"Kentucky Society of Sons of the American Revolution."

When only twelve years of age, death deprived him of a father's careful guid-  
ance, but even with this irreparable loss, young Ewalt soon evidenced the sturdiness  
of his ancestors and performed the duties assigned him with the same thoroughness  
shown in his later life. He obtained a substantial English education at Lexington,  
Ky., and Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and as soon as he left the latter school, he entered  
the employ of the Delaware Wagon Company at Delaware, Ohio. His steady appli-  
cation to his work and his zeal for his employers' interest soon promoted him to  
the position of chief bookkeeper, which position he held as long as he continued in  
the employ of the company. His inclinations, however, were agricultural, and his  
love for his native state strong; so he returned to Kentucky and to his farm.

In 1903, he and Miss Nancy Clay Thomas, of Bourbon County, Kentucky, wife  
married. They are blessed with two daughters, and Lady Ewalt and the children  
ably assist Brother Ewalt in dispensing that true Southern hospitality which is so  
seldom met with in this practical age.

Joe Ewalt has by his private life shown that he firmly believes that a man can-  
not inherit eternal life or be of good to his fellowmen unless he attempts to model  
his life after that of our Supreme Grand Master. He is a conscientious member of  
the Christian Church, and manly in things religious and in temporal things. His  
Masonic career has been full of honor, and no one familiar with Kentucky Ma-  
sonic history will deny they have been well deserved. In every office that he has  
filled, and they have been many, he showed marked ability and thoroughness. At  
all times he has been courteous and kindly, yet firm, strong and courageous.

He first saw the light of Masonry on August 12, 1886, in Hiram Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., at Delaware, Ohio, and became a Master Mason in that lodge on November 23, 1886. After returning to Kentucky, he demitted from Hiram Lodge, and affiliated with Paris Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., at Paris, Ky. On December 27, 1889, when only twenty-four (24) years of age, he was elected Master of the latter lodge. In 1898, he demitted from Paris Lodge to assist in the formation of a lodge at Shawhan, Bourbon County, Kentucky, which was chartered in 1899, as Shawhan Lodge No. 716. He was Master of this new lodge while it worked under dispensation, and its first Master under charter. He was elected Treasurer in 1901, and served until December 27, 1921, when it merged with Paris Lodge No. 2. He is the ranking Past Master.

He served as chairman of the Finance Committee during the administrations of Grand Masters Barret (1908) and Virgil P. Smith (1909), and was appointed a member of the committee by Grand Master John L. Phillips (1932). Was an active member of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple under the administrations of Grand Masters Garnett (1906) and Veach (1907). A member of the Jurisprudence Committee during the administrations of Grand Masters Peterson (1928), Juett (1929) and Rash (1930), chairman in 1930. Chairman of Committee on Homes by appointment of Grand Masters Ware (1914), Winslow (1915), and Adams (1916). He filled appointive offices of Grand Pursuivant and Grand Senior Deacon through the courtesy of Grand Masters Wilhelm (1899) and Bailey (1902). On October 20, 1909, he was elected Grand Junior Warden, and rose step by step to be installed Grand Master of the Grand Lodge October 17, 1912, retiring October 23, 1913.

He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason on March 21, 1888, in Cynthiana Chapter No. 17, at Cynthiana, Ky. On August 22, 1890, he demitted and affiliated with Paris Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, Paris, Ky. He served two terms as High Priest of the latter chapter, 1891-1892 and 1900-1901. Served twenty-two (22) years as Secretary.

On October 18, 1904, he was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, R. A. M. During his administration four (4) new chapters were organized and two (2) resuscitated.

On October 22, 1890, he was admitted to the ninth (9th) arch in Louisville Council No. 4, R. & S. M., Louisville, Ky. Demitted and affiliated with Washington Council No. 1, at Lexington, Ky., and for three (3) years served as its Thrice Illustrious Master. On June 21, 1905, he demitted to assist in the reorganization of Paris Council No. 30, at Paris, later serving as Recorder.

On October 17, 1904, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kentucky, R. & S. M., and during his administration six (6) new councils were organized and six (6) resuscitated. His interest in the cryptic rite has been evidenced by regular attendance at the annual assemblies of the Grand Council.

The Order of Christian Knighthood was conferred upon him in Cynthiana Commandery No. 16, Cynthiana, Ky., on April 27, 1888, and he has ever since been an active member of that commandery, serving in the year 1893-94 as its Eminent Commander. At the grand concclave held in Cynthiana, May 16-17, 1900, he was elected Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Knights Templar, and advanced through the lines until at Ashland, Ky., May 20, 1909, he was elected Grand Commander, his term of office expiring May 19, 1910, at the Conclave held in Winchester. The proceedings of that year contained his report as Grand Commander. It is typical of the man—straightforward and fearless; just and fair; commanding what he deemed worthy and condemning what he deemed necessary; having at all times primarily the good of Masonry at heart.

The recent passing of Past Grand Commanders Orndorff and Lewis ranks Sir Knight Ewalt the Dean of the Past Grand Commanders.

He has a record in the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar that has never been equaled by a Kentucky Templar, viz.: having attended forty-five (45) consecutive annual conclaves, and at the Somerset Conclave held in May, 1932, a resolution was unanimously adopted commanding him for faithful attendance.

Since retiring from the station of Grand Commander in 1910, with the exception of one conclave, he has rendered committee service.

Brother Ewalt has the distinction of being one of the eight (8) that has been elected and presided over the destinies of the four (4) York Rite Grand Bodies in Kentucky. The others have passed on.

The fourth to the fourteenth degrees inclusive of the A. & A. S. R., were conferred upon him in the Grand Consistory of Kentucky, at Louisville, on October 20, 1898, and the fifteenth to the thirty-second degrees inclusive on April 14 and 15, 1899, in the same Consistory.

He traversed the hot sands of the desert in Kosair Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Louisville, Ky., on November 26, 1896.

The degree of the Order of Eastern Star was conferred at the organization of a chapter at Shawhan, Bourbon County, Ky., on September 25, 1902. Served as Patron one year and Secretary two years.

Although a multitude of honors have been heaped upon him in every branch of Masonry in Kentucky, his love for the Blue Lodge has remained supreme. The abiding integrity with which Brother Ewalt has performed every trust reposed in him until this good hour is and always will be a matter of pure delight to the entire Craft of the state. The universal prayer of Kentucky Masons is and will be that he may be long spared to assist "Grand Lodge" work out of the designs laid down upon the trestle board by our Supreme Grand Master.

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## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1913

### MORNING SESSION

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, met in the One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, beginning October 21, 1913, and was opened in ample form on the third degree at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

The following Grand Officers were present, occupying their respective stations:

Joe H. Ewalt, Paris.....	Grand Master
Orie S. Ware, Covington .....	Deputy Grand Master
George B. Winslow, Carrollton.....	Grand Senior Warden
T. J. Adams, Louisville.....	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers, Louisville.....	Grand Treasurer
Dave Jackson, Louisville.....	Grand Secretary
James E. Wright, Bedford.....	Grand Chaplain
John I. Fisher, Louisville.....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Miles H. H. Davis, Paris.....	Grand Senior Deacon
Stephen H. Fields, Whitesburg .....	Grand Junior Deacon
James R. Rogers, Paris.....	Grand Marshal
Thomas C. Delvaux, Glasgow.....	Grand Sword Bearer
Flint Singletary, Clinton.....	Grand Pursuivant
Charles A. Gipe, Louisville .....	Grand Tiler

Upon motion made by Deputy Grand Master Orie S. Ware, a committee of three past grand masters seated Past Grand Master Henry Bostwick in the seat provided for the oldest past grand master of this jurisdiction. Brother Bostwick, then in his eighty-sixth year, responded briefly to the cordial greetings of the members of Grand Lodge.

Out of twenty-seven then living past grand masters, twenty-one were in attendance. Fifty-five past masters were registered in the Grand Secretary's office. Of the 585 lodges on the Grand Lodge roster, 564 were represented at this session of Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Joe H. Ewalt delivered his address which was referred to the proper committees. In opening his address he spoke as follows:

"My Beloved Brethren: The Supreme Architect of the Universe again permits us to meet in annual communication, being

the One Hundred and Thirteenth of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, to which it is my pleasure to most heartily welcome you. We should feel grateful for this act of His divine providence, and for the many privileges that we have enjoyed since last we met in fraternal intercourse.

"We are banded together as a society of friends or brothers that we might do something for the betterment of our fellow creatures, to alleviate their sufferings, and it should be our aim to make their journey on earth as pleasant as it is possible for us to do. We do not live for ourselves alone, but should endeavor by our acts of kindness to cheer the weary and unfortunate on their way.

"The world has shadows enough, at best; its heartaches call for comfort and peace—not for any new tale of woe. Our mission is best fulfilled by scattering sunshine and cheer while we may; the night cometh soon."

Speaking of the death of Past Grand Master Harry Bailey, Grand Master Ewalt said:

"It is with a feeling of sadness that I announce the death of Past Grand Master Harry Bailey. He was cruelly assassinated, January 27, 1913, on the streets of Cynthiana, Kentucky. I attended his funeral and ordered a floral emblem in the name of this Grand Lodge.

"I recommend that a page be set apart in the Proceedings to his memory, and a bound copy be sent to his family."

He granted dispensations for organization of lodges at the following places:

December 14, 1912, at Kelley's Hall, Jefferson County, to be known as Plumb Lodge U. D.

December 18, 1912, at Stithton, Hardin County, to be known as Carrico Lodge U. D.

February 25, 1913, at Salt Lick, Floyd County, to be known as Salt Lick U. D.

April 1, 1913, at Oil Springs, Johnson County, to be known as Oil Springs Lodge U. D.

June 11, 1913, at Sanders, Carroll County, to be known as Eureka Lodge U. D.

August 27, 1913, at Fulton, Fulton County, to be known as Sunlight Lodge U. D.

He granted a number of dispensations to lodges to conduct public installation of officers; also a number of lodges to appear in public for the purpose of laying cornerstones and holding Masonic celebrations. He declined to grant dispensations on request of a number of lodges, giving Grand Lodge his reasons for such refusal.

He disapproved a number of letters in which various lodges had requested permission to circularize for the purpose of soliciting aid to help complete the building of lodge halls.

Speaking of the flood sufferers, he said:

"Anticipating the need of assistance in the flooded districts of Ohio, in March and April, I requested the Grand Treasurer, Brother John H. Leathers, to send \$250.00 on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to the Grand Master of Ohio. I received grateful acknowledgment of same. You are all acquainted with that dire disaster that caused so much suffering and loss of property. I trust this action will be approved."

On April 9, 1913, the Grand Master stated that he received a draft of \$300.00 from Past Grand Master John H. Cowles, Secretary General, Supreme Council, A. A. S. R., Southern Jurisdiction, being a part of the funds sent to the Supreme Council by the Scottish Rite Masons in Honolulu, Hawaii Territory; Jacksonville, Florida; Richmond, Virginia, and added to by the Supreme Council, for the benefit of the flood sufferers.

He made a number of requests through the Grand Masters of other jurisdictions for subordinate lodges of this grand jurisdiction.

He visited 85 lodges and regretted that he had not been able to make it 100.

On the matter of decisions or opinions, he rendered some 43, the same being duly reported to Grand Lodge.

Speaking of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple, he said:

"Shortly after the close of the last communication, Brothers B. B. Davis, Henry P. Barret and Carl M. Wiseman resigned from the board, and in their stead I appointed Brothers Robert E. Woods, Charles N. Smith and George T. Cross."

He told Grand Lodge the bonded indebtedness of the Temple at that time was \$165,000, on which all interest had been paid May 1, 1913, except one coupon of bond No. 250 for \$100.00. The owner of that bond was not known. He said he did not retire any of the bonds for the reason that he had been advised by the board that some funds might be needed for improvements.

He submitted the following recommendations, which were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and ordered to lie over to the next Grand Lodge:

That Section 180 of the Constitution be amended by adding, "If a brother, who remains suspended for non-payment of dues for two years, or longer, fails to be restored to membership by ballot, the lodge shall issue him a certificate, under seal, stating the facts. That instrument would be equivalent to a demit."

That Section 122 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "unfavorably," it being next to the last word of the section.

That Section 103 of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 103. Invaded Jurisdiction. A lodge that receives the petition and initiates a candidate or admits to membership a brother from a jurisdiction not its own in violation of the provisions of Sections 99-102, shall forfeit and pay to the lodge which lawfully held jurisdiction, the fees which the latter lodge would have been entitled to collect from such person if he had been initiated into or admitted to membership in the lodge lawfully holding jurisdiction. Upon the payment of such fees to the lodge whose jurisdiction has been invaded, such person shall become a lawful member of the lodge which invaded the jurisdiction, but so long as he remains a member thereof without being a resident within its jurisdiction, the invading lodge shall be required to pay to the lodge whose jurisdiction it invaded such sum or sums as the lodge whose jurisdiction was invaded, would have been entitled to collect from such member in dues and assessments, if he had joined the lodge having lawful jurisdiction of him. The lodge which invades the jurisdiction of another lodge shall also be subject to such additional penalty as may be inflicted by the Grand Lodge."

"In response to a cordial invitation from the Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Indiana," said the Grand Master, "I, together with our Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, Brother George B. Winslow, and our Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon, Brother Miles H. H. Davis, attended the conference of the Grand Masters of the United States at Indianapolis, Indiana, on March 17 and 18, 1913. We were there as the guests of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and I feel sure no guests, even in Kentucky, ever had a more gracious and attentive host than we had on that occasion."

Speaking of the St. John's Day League, the Grand Master said: "I cannot recommend too highly the interest that has been manifested in our Homes by this body of true and loyal Masons. The celebration on June 24, 1913, was a success from every standpoint, especially a financial one, as the result of the labors of those energetic brethren, \$9,500.00 was netted and placed to the credit of the building fund of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home. At the election of the Board of Directors of that institution, held May 5, 1913, Brother W. A. Groves, president of this league, was elected a member of the board. I believe the selection was an excellent one, as he is a live and progressive young brother. In appreciation of that honor, he re-

doubled his efforts to raise a fund to assist in liquidating the debt created by the Board of Directors of our Home."

Speaking of the Masonic Home Journal, he said: "That the paper is the official organ of the Grand Lodge (Regulation 263), and the Grand Master, representing you, certainly should have the right to have anything published in it if he believed the same was for the best interest of the Craft."

Speaking of the Old Masons' Home, he said: "I have watched with unusual interest the growth of this noble charity. I was rooming with Past Grand Master J. Speed Smith, in this city, when the idea was conceived in his mind that the Masons of Kentucky should provide a Home for our brethren who had passed the meridian of life and were dependent. So thoroughly was he imbued with the idea that he awakened me from my sleep to tell me of it. I took to it most kindly, and am proud of the fact that I was one of the first to contribute to a fund looking toward the establishment of such a Home."

Of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, he said: "Much has been written by those better qualified to use the pen about what good has been accomplished by this pioneer Masonic Home, and I feel that I am not equal to the emergency to add anything along that line. The Masons have a just right to be proud of what we are doing for the widows and orphans of our brethren, and not at any great individual cost. \* \* \* \* As has been noted, I have made several visits, and each time I am more convinced of the wise selection of Brother T. J. Adams and his amiable companion to have the direct care of our wards."

In concluding his address, he said: "Upon my installation into the highest office within your gift, I promised due obedience to your fundamental laws, rules and regulations, and it has been my aim to be loyal to the obligation taken at that time. I have the happy satisfaction of feeling that I have performed my duty as I saw it, and I felt it was incumbent upon me to require compliance with our laws. There has been no hesitancy on my part to note and act upon disobedience of the same. My actions may have been questioned, and likely have caused some feeling, but that was to be expected, especially from those that construe our laws for their own convenience, holding to the view that they are a law unto themselves, and owing no allegiance to any one or the creative body. \* \* \* \*

"I have found Miss Lillian Hosken, the stenographer and bookkeeper in the Grand Secretary's office, ever ready to aid in any research or assist with my correspondence when I chanced to be in Louisville, for which I tender my thanks. \* \* \* \*

"Within forty-eight hours the Hiram that you so generously placed in my hands will be wielded by one far more capable,

and I bespeak for him the genuine courtesy that has been accorded me.

"Reassuring you of my gratitude for this preferment, and with the hope that God's richest blessings will attend you, I invite you to the business of this annual communication."

Visitors from Wisconsin, William W. Perry, Grand Secretary, and past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and Brother R. B. Lang, of the same jurisdiction, were presented to the Grand Lodge by a committee of past grand masters and welcomed with the Grand Honors.

Deputy Grand Master Orie S. Ware made the report to Grand Lodge of his official activities during the past year. In the opening paragraph of his report, he spoke as follows:

"Brethren: Your Grand Master, during the past year, has been so loyal and attentive to the discharge of the duties devolving upon him, that little of an official nature has been brought to my attention."

On November 9, 1912, as proxy of the Grand Master, he laid the cornerstone of the Madison Avenue Christian Church of Covington, assisted by Colonel Clay Lodge No. 159 of that city. On September 27, 1913, as proxy of the Grand Master, he laid the cornerstone of the Walton Baptist Church at Walton, assisted by Walton Lodge No. 719.

As proxy of the Grand Master, December 17, 1912, he set to work under its charter, Dry Ridge Lodge No. 849 at Dry Ridge.

Past Grand Master John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, presented his report which was referred to the Committee on Finance. A recapitulation of the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Lodge's finances of the year were as follows:

Receipts .....	\$185,848.19
Disbursements .....	100,787.63
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Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer .....	\$ 85,060.56

Grand Secretary Dave Jackson presented his report. In its opening paragraph, he said: "While many of our lodges were late sending in their annual returns, I am glad to report that all have been received and will appear in our printed proceedings. As shown by these returns, our membership numbers 40,459, an increase of 1,677 during the past year."

Continuing, he said: "I desire to call attention to the neglect of secretaries in regard to answering correspondence. I have had to write as many as three letters, and then have to send a registered letter before I could get a reply. This is unnecessary and should be remedied."

Speaking of the Grand Lodge library, the Grand Secretary said: "A very valuable gift was presented to the Grand Lodge

of Kentucky by Mr. Hall H. Jackson of Cincinnati, Ohio. This was the original Minute Book of Nelson Lodge U. D., located at Bardstown, Ky., afterwards Duvall Lodge No. 99, and later No. 6. It was through the efforts of our brother, Past Grand Master Charles H. Fisk, that this gift was presented."

Past Grand Master William W. Clarke, chairman of the Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges, presented his report, which was printed in the Proceedings as an appendix.

Deputy Grand Master Orie S. Ware appointed Past Grand Master James Garnett and Brothers Edward C. Sellers and W. W. Crawford the committee designated in the resolutions on the "Distribution of Grand Master's Address."

The Grand Master read a communication from E. H. Alexander of Lodge No. 816 and the report of the committee on the H. B. Grant portrait. On motion of Past Grand Master William W. Clarke, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were extended to the committee and their services accepted with gratitude.

Grand Master Ewalt named the following special committees:

On Visitors—James A. Stewart (2), William A. Pigg (164), James Riley Long (500).

On Credentials—Guy T. Johnson (1), William T. Hazelwood (163), Dan Wilson (716).

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Following the usual custom, the afternoon was devoted to the presentation of the children of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, to the Grand Lodge, at The Masonic.

The theater was filled to its capacity, and more than two hundred children from our Home were upon the stage during the exercises.

The program consisted of some eighteen or twenty numbers. At the opening of the exercises a magnificent life-size oil painting of our late Brother Henry Bannister Grant, who for more than a quarter of a century served as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, was fittingly exposed to the assembled membership of the Grand Lodge and to the vast throng of visitors. Past Grand Master Virgil P. Smith, in a fitting speech, presented the portrait to the Grand Lodge, through Grand Master Joe H. Ewalt, who, in behalf of the Craft, accepted it, and ordered it suitably hung in the Grand Secretary's office.

#### SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1913

##### MORNING SESSION

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky was called from refreshment to labor at 9:00 o'clock a. m.

Inasmuch as the minutes of the previous day had been printed and distributed among the representatives, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

Brother George A. Lewis of Hiram Lodge No. 4 offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby expressed by a rising vote to the St. John's Day League for their generous donation to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and to Past Grand Master Charles H. Fisk and Mr. Hall N. Jackson of Cincinnati, Ohio, for the valuable records furnished in reference to Nelson Lodge."

The following resolution, offered by J. N. Saunders of Stanford Lodge No. 60, was adopted:

"This Grand Lodge having been in existence since October 16, 1800, and no concerted systematic effort having ever been made to preserve the history of the subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, and the time having now come when much interesting and valuable Masonic history in Kentucky will be forever lost unless carefully gathered and permanently recorded; therefore,

"Be It Resolved, That the incoming Most Worshipful Grand Master appoint a committee of three, which shall, in the most effective and expeditious way, gather the facts of interest relating to each of the active and defunct lodges of Kentucky and present same in typewritten manuscript to this Grand Lodge at its next meeting. The completed manuscript to be the property of this Grand Lodge, and the committee gathering and recording the history to serve without compensation, but the actual expense incurred to be paid out of the Grand Lodge treasury, as the work progresses, when itemized expense accounts signed by a majority of the committee have been presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, approved by him, and his written direction made to the Grand Secretary to draw his warrant upon the Grand Treasurer for the payment of the same."

Brother Guy T. Johnson, for the Committee on Credentials, made their report, which was adopted.

Brother S. S. Pinney moved that Brother B. F. Davis of Lodge No. 550, mentioned in the report of the Committee on Credentials, be allowed mileage and per diem. Various amendments being offered to this motion, the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Brother Alfred H. Bryant, for the Committee on Lodges U. D., made the report for that committee, which was adopted.

Brother Robert E. Woods, for the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple, made the report of that organization, which was adopted. That cost and income statement of the Board of Trustees for the year ending September 30, 1913, showed a total

income of \$24,395.77 and total expenses for the year were \$15,-701.85.

Officers were elected as follows at the morning session: Orie S. Ware, Covington, Grand Master; George B. Winslow, Carrollton, Deputy Grand Master; T. J. Adams, Louisville, Grand Senior Warden.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2:00 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2:00 p. m., and the election of officers continued with the following results: James N. Saunders (60), Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers (376), Grand Treasurer; Dave Jackson (144), Grand Secretary.

A memorial service was conducted in honor of the dead in this Grand Jurisdiction in which the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," was sung by a quartette composed of Past Grand Masters John W. Landrum and Virgil P. Smith and Brothers G. Allison Holland and A. A. Hazelrigg. The report on Necrology was read by Brother George A. Lewis, which was followed by prayer by R. R. Grand Chaplain James E. Wright and the singing by the quartette of "Nearer My God to Thee."

Brother W. Rodes Shackelford of Richmond Lodge No. 25 submitted the report of the Committee on Appeals, which was adopted.

Brother Charles A. McMillan of Paris Lodge No. 2, for the Committee on Jurisprudence, read their report, which was adopted.

A telegram to the Grand Lodge signed by Edwin S. Griffiths, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was received by Joe H. Ewalt, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in annual session in the Masonic Temple, Louisville. It read as follows: "Ohio Grand Lodge in annual session sends fraternal greetings," to which the following telegram was sent: "The Grand Lodge of Kentucky in its one hundred and thirteenth annual communication would acknowledge your cordial fraternal greetings, which it sincerely reciprocates," signed by Joe H. Ewalt, Grand Master.

Brother J. Ed. Pollock of Greenup Lodge No. 89 read the report for the Committee on Our Homes, which was adopted.

Brother John C. Worsham, for the Committee on By-Laws, submitted their report, which was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance was made by Brother S. Pearce Browning of Maysville Lodge No. 52, and the same was adopted.

After the adoption of a supplemental report of the Committee on Finance, Brother George A. Lewis of Hiram Lodge No. 4

moved that the old charter of Lodge No. 4 be delivered to that lodge without endorsement as required in 1911 Proceedings. The motion was adopted.

On motion, Roberts Lodge No. 172 was permitted to have its old and faded charter re-issued by the Grand Secretary and the old one returned to it.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1913

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:00 o'clock a. m.

The Committee on Visitors submitted their report, which was adopted.

Brother L. M. Scott of Boston Lodge No. 593 offered a resolution, which on motion of Past Grand Master Thomas S. Pettit was referred to the Custodians of the Work.

Through their master, Jess Roszell, Lexington Lodge No. 1 extended an invitation to Grand Lodge to be present at the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of Lexington Lodge No. 1. On motion of Past Grand Master Virgil P. Smith a vote of thanks was extended to Lexington Lodge for a copy of the history of their lodge.

Past Grand Master James Garnett submitted a report for the Special Committee on that part of the Grand Master's report relating to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, which was adopted.

Past Grand Master Henry P. Barret submitted the report of the Commissioners of the Endowment Fund. The report was adopted.

Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm, for the Custodians of the Work, submitted their report, which was adopted.

The Grand Master presented Brother Clarence T. Hayden, master of Lewis Lodge No. 191, a watch charm, which he had offered to the master of that lodge which raised for the St. John's Day Celebration the largest amount of money from the sale of tickets in proportion to its membership.

Brother George A. Lewis offered a report complimenting the retiring Grand Master, which was adopted by a rising unanimous vote.

Grand Master Ewalt installed the incoming Grand Master, Orie S. Ware. After his installation, Grand Master Ware addressed Grand Lodge in part as follows:

"Brethren: The honor you have today conferred upon me is deeply appreciated and I extend to you a heart full of gratitude for this testimony of your confidence and esteem. I am also

deeply sensible to the responsibilities attaching to this station, and in the discharge of the duties devolving upon me, I shall endeavor to attain that same high standard of efficiency set by my predecessors and make myself, in some measure, worthy of your fraternal suffrages."

Brother Alvin A. Ranshaw of Golden Rule Lodge No. 345, presented Grand Master Ware a magnificent bunch of flowers.

A very agreeable feature of the Grand Master's installation was the presence of his father upon the platform; the father's congratulations to the son, and the father's presentation to the Grand Lodge.

The other elected and appointed Grand Officers were then installed. They were: George B. Winslow (134), Carrollton, Deputy Grand Master; T. J. Adams (400), Louisville, Grand Senior Warden; James N. Saunders (60), Stanford, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers (376), Louisville, Grand Treasurer; A. K. Johnson (719), Walton, Grand Chaplain; William S. Gould (159), Covington, Grand Senior Deacon; S. Marion Cecil (375), Pikeville, Grand Junior Deacon; James R. Rogers (246), Paris, Grand Marshal; J. Arch Bailey (18), Cynthiana, Grand Sword Bearer; George W. Tanner (489), Barlow, Grand Pursuivant; Charles A. Gipe (266), Louisville, Grand Tiler.

Brother Geo. A. Lewis offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to express in fitting terms the deep and heartfelt sympathy of this Grand Lodge to our beloved Brother Past Grand Master J. W. Hopper, now resting under the heavy hand of affliction, in his enforced absence from our annual communication, and assure him of our earnest wish for his speedy restoration to health. The same to be under the seal of this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Secretary then presented a past grand master's jewel to retiring Grand Master Joe H. Ewalt, in the name of the Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Orie S. Ware named the following standing committees:

Committee on Appeals—Alvin A. Ranshaw (345), Covington; John C. Worsham (9), Henderson; A. A. Hazelrigg (23), Mt. Sterling.

Committee on By-Laws—John T. Kincaid (1), Lexington; D. W. Gatlin (143), Madisonville; Henry Ebert, Jr. (163), Newport.

Committee on Finance—Robert W. Smith (137), Irvine; Robt. R. Burnam (25), Richmond; S. P. Browning (52), Maysville.

Committee on Jurisprudence—Charles H. Fisk (345), Covington; Laban T. Everett (235), Catlettsburg; Elliott B. Beard (5), Shelbyville.

Committee on Lodges U. D.—A. H. Bryant (159), Covington; M. H. H. Davis (2), Paris; W. R. Johnston ('87), Lebanon.

Committee on Necrology—George A. Lewis (4), Frankfort.

Committee on Our Homes—Joe H. Ewalt (716), Paris; Albert P. Gans (400), Louisville; J. Ed. Pollock (89), Greenup.

Committee on Proceedings of Other Grand Lodges—William W. Clarke (130), Owensboro.

Committee on Credentials—George B. Spencer (65), Carlisle; E. W. Weathers (71), Elkton; E. G. S. Alverson (172), Fulton.

Committee on Work—William C. Black (187), Barbourville; James Keeley (130), Owensboro.

Committee on Trustee of Masonic—Robert E. Woods (400), Louisville; Sam K. Veach (65); W. B. Trumbo, Jr. (281); Geo. T. Cross (376); Chas. N. Smith (28).

After roll call Grand Lodge closed in ample form at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

ORIE S. WARE, Grand Master.

DAVE JACKSON, Grand Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Orie Solomon Ware

1914

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Born 1882

Orie S. Ware was born at Peach Grove, Pendleton County, Kentucky, May 11, 1882, and at the age of four years removed with his parents to the farm of his grandfather near Alexandria, Campbell County. In 1889 the family removed to Kenton County and Covington. He received his education in the public schools of Covington. Graduated from Cincinnati Law School in 1903 with the degree of LL.B., and was admitted to practice in the courts of Kentucky and Ohio. Was married to Miss Louise Cuthbertson of Covington in September, 1906. For many years a member of the Baptist Church. In politics a Democrat. When twenty-one years old petitioned Covington Lodge No. 109, initiated November 23, 1903, passed January 25, 1904, raised February 27, 1904, served one year as Master and was elected Grand Master in October, 1913. He is Past High Priest of Covington Chapter No. 35, R. A. M., and is Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Kenton Council, R. & S. M. Also Past Eminent Commander of Covington Commandery No. 7, K. T. Received Scottish Rite degrees Covington bodies in 1911; charter member of Council and Consistory.

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FIRST DAY--TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1914

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., was held in the Masonic Temple in Louisville, Ky., Tuesday, October 21, 1914, and was opened in ample form on the third degree at 9:30 a. m.

## Present:

Orie S. Ware .....	Grand Master
George B. Winslow .....	Deputy Grand Master
Thos. J. Adams .....	Grand Senior Warden
James N. Saunders .....	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers .....	Grand Treasurer
Dave Jackson .....	Grand Secretary
Rev. A. K. Johnson .....	Grand Chaplain
John I. Fisher .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Wm. S. Gould .....	Grand Senior Deacon
S. Marion Cecil .....	Grand Junior Deacon
James R. Rogers .....	Grand Marshal
J. Arch Bailey .....	Grand Sword Bearer
Geo. W. Tanner .....	Grand Pursuivant
Charles A. Gipe .....	Grand Tiler

Also 22 past grand masters and 84 past masters. Representatives to the number of 624 answered roll call.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Visitors: John Mason Howk, Jesse J. Roszell and H. Clay White.

Past Grand Master Virgil P. Smith called attention to the vacancy caused by the death of Past Grand Master Bostwick, and moved that a committee be appointed to seat the next oldest past grand master in the seat of honor provided for such purpose on the left of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The motion prevailed, and three past grand masters were appointed, and seated Past Grand Master John H. Leathers, who was accorded the grand honors, and who addressed the Grand Lodge feelingly.

Past Grand Master H. H. Holeman announced the serious illness of Past Grand Master Warren LaRue Thomas at Tucson, Ariz., and on motion the Grand Secretary sent a telegram of condolence.

Past Grand Master James Garnett moved the following telegram be sent to Past Grand Master Frank C. Gerard, whose illness prevented his presence:

"The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in annual session, misses you, and sends you fraternal greetings and best wishes for your health and happiness."

In reply the following response was sent by Bro. Gerard:

"In my darkness I can see the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in session, and my heart is with you."

Most Worshipful Grand Master Ware then delivered his address, from which the following is taken:

"I extend to each of you a most sincere and cordial welcome to this communication of the Grand Lodge, and trust your sojourn with us will be fraught with both pleasure and profit. While this annual meeting is a great source of pleasure to many

of us who greet each other from year to year, cementing old and making new acquaintances, it is also necessary that you appreciate the duties devolving upon you as representatives and to faithfully meet and discharge those responsibilities in the interest of the Craft. I have about concluded my year's work, and in submitting it to you for your consideration, I may say that it is not inconsistent with a laudable ambition to wish that it might meet with your approval, yet I am not unmindful of my own shortcomings, and knowing that 'to err is human,' I respectfully report my stewardship with an abiding faith in your wisdom and charity. As we pass from one year to another, we are pleased to note the healthful and steady increase in our membership and the development of worthy brethren to carry on our great cause; yet as time rolls on we must pause in respect to those who have fallen in the battle of life, recount their virtues, and offer a word of cheer to those who are bereft of their companionship. Since our last communication death has removed from our midst many brethren, who have been 'gathered into that land where our fathers have gone before us.' Many of these have labored faithfully in the cause of Masonry, and we regret that space does not permit us to recount the virtues of those in the ranks who have exemplified the tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth. On Saturday, March 14, 1914, Brother John Walden Landrum, Past Grand Master, passed away at his home after an illness of several months. I received notice of his death the following day and immediately conveyed my condolences to his family. \* \* \* \* Time soon gathered another past grand master, who answered the summons of death on August 20, 1914, when our esteemed and venerable brother, Henry Bostwick, died at his home in Covington. We mourn his loss and sympathize with his relatives and friends who miss him in his home and in the daily walks of life."

Grand Master Ware duly circularized the Craft giving notice of these deaths and recommended that a page of the Proceedings be set aside to the memory of each of these distinguished brethren, and that a copy be furnished to their families.

He also decided that Bro. Harry R. Simmons was elected master of Corinth Lodge No. 584 on December 27, 1910, and re-elected in 1911 and 1912, although he had never served as a warden. This was on appeal of Bro. Simmons. (See Proceedings, pages 19 and 20.)

The Grand Master recommended that Section 148 of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

"Each lodge shall pay to the Grand Secretary its indebtedness to the Grand Lodge as soon as practicable during the month of September of each year, but same shall reach the of-

fice of the Grand Secretary not later than the 28th day of the month."

Attention was also called to the inconsistent provisions of Sections 32 and 53 of the Constitution relative to the examination of the accounts of the Grand Secretary. (See Constitution.)

The bond of the Grand Treasurer for \$10,000 was approved. Bond expires October 30, 1914.

Report of expert accountants was presented which stated: "The books and records (of Grand Secretary) are found in good condition and accurately kept and we desire to express our appreciation for courtesies extended and assistance given."

The Grand Secretary's bond for \$10,000 was approved.

On January 5, 1914, at the public installation of the officers of Suburban Lodge No. 740, which was held in the chapel of the Home, the Grand Master installed Brother Dave Jackson as Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master recommended the purchase of an adding machine for the Grand Secretary.

During the year, dispensations were issued for the establishment of the following lodges U. D.: Paradise, Robards, Pine Knot, Orie S. Ware, Cerulean Springs, Heidelberg, Verona and Stanley. Nine other dispensations were issued for other purposes (see Proceedings, pages 23 and 24). Twenty-five lodges were granted dispensations to hold public installations. Twenty-one lodges were granted dispensations to confer the Entered Apprentice degree upon more than five candidates at the same time. Fourteen requests for various purposes were refused (see Proceedings, pages 26 and 27).

Degrees were conferred in other jurisdictions to the number of 33 for Kentucky lodges (see Proceedings, pages 27, 28 and 29). Fifteen waivers of jurisdiction were granted by other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Master visited many lodges and performed functions required of him (see Proceedings, pages 32, 33, 34 and 35). Also issued 25 proxies for various purposes.

Approved the action of Daylight Lodge on an appeal made by Brother Charles Boden (see Proceedings, pages 38 and 39).

In his opinions, Grand Master Ware held that: A lodge cannot receive the petition from a man one-eighth to one-sixteenth negro; that a past master has no right to preside over another lodge, defining jurisdictional territory; that an expelled member may be restored by his lodge regardless of his place of residence; that a lodge may vote upon the request for a waiver of jurisdiction as often as the request is made; that it is not necessary that the examination of a candidate for proficiency be had before he is balloted upon for the Fellow Craft or Master Mason degree (see Proceedings, page 39).

Arrested the charter of Nash Lodge No. 822, for unlawful Masonic action, and the charter of Ford Lodge No. 44 for failure to pay dues (see Proceedings, pages 40, 41 and 42).

Decided that a lodge in Arkansas has the right to try a member of St. George Lodge No. 239, Louisville, in the same manner as they would one of their own members (see Proceedings, pages 42 and 43).

East Point Lodge No. 657 was called to account for some unmasonic conduct by its members (see Proceedings, pages 43 and 44).

Recommended that "Logos Lodge No. 829" be allowed to change its name to "Pewee Valley Lodge No. 829."

The Grand Master reviewed the St. John's Hospital matter (see Proceedings, pages 46 and 47).

He also embraced in his address the following: "During the year, the charters of two lodges have been arrested, and on this date we have 582 chartered lodges and nine working under dispensation, a total of 591. Our membership numbers 42,139, making a gain of 1,680 since our last returns, which is a very substantial increase."

He reviewed the condition of the Old Masons' Home and made recommendations (see Proceedings, pages 47 and 48).

Visited the Widows and Orphans' Home and attended several meetings of the Board of Directors and praised their work. He said: "The differences between the Grand Lodge and the Home have been carefully considered and have been satisfactorily settled, and in order that there may be no misunderstanding as to where the Board stands on the question of ownership or control of the Home, he quoted the following resolution adopted by the Board:

"Whereas, It has been circulated among members of the Craft that the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home has expressed itself or gone on record as being of the opinion that the Home is not owned or controlled by the Craft of Kentucky, therefore be it

"Resolved, By the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home that it does now, without reserve and unequivocally acknowledge the ownership and control of this Home to be in the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and the lodges subordinate to it."

The Special Committee report concerning the foregoing will be found in Grand Lodge Proceedings 1914, pages 95 to 100, inclusive.

The Masonic Home Journal was given an extensive review (see Proceedings, pages 50, 51 and 52).

The Grand Master declared war was a dreadful thing and quoted a letter from the Grand Lodge of France relating to the

same (see Proceedings, pages 53 and 54). Also a communication from the Grand Master of Oregon.

Accompanied by Past Master Alvin Ranshaw, Golden Rule Lodge No. 345, the Grand Master attended a meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Va., on February 23, 1914 (see Proceedings, pages 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61).

The Masonic Temple was considered to the extent of a lengthy review (see Proceedings, pages 61, 62 and 63).

The Grand Master is convinced that uniform work is quite essential (see Proceedings, pages 64 and 65). He approves a use of a cipher ritual (see Proceedings, pages 66, 67 and 68).

Could not attend 73rd birthday dinner of Past Grand Master John H. Leathers, April 27, 1914.

Was honored by the "Covington Boys" at a reception given in his honor on November 15, 1914, and closes his address with these words: "The memory of these things will live with me to the end, and may the unity of strength, the power of wisdom and the beauty of virtue preserve our institution forever."

The Grand Master read a communication from the Grand Master of New York (see Proceedings, pages 72 and 73).

On motion of Brother Alvin Ranshaw, the Grand Master's address was distributed to proper committees.

Past Grand Master R. R. Burnam offered a resolution referring the matter of "The Masonic" to a committee of three, and the Grand Master appointed R. R. Burnam, E. C. Sellers and Innes B. Ross.

The report of Grand Treasurer John H. Leathers showed these figures:

Balance, Oct. 1, 1913 .....	\$ 85,060.56
Receipts to Sept. 30, 1914 .....	122,029.00
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Total receipts .....	\$207,089.56
Disbursed by warrants .....	118,481.14
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Balance .....	\$ 88,608.42

Grand Secretary Dave Jackson presented his report saying: "In many respects this has been a prosperous year in the history of Kentucky Masonry, yet there are undesirable conditions that are very noticeable." Having checked and rechecked, the returns show that the membership for the year is 42,139, an increase of 1,680 over last year. There were initiated this year 3,139, an increase of 221 over last year, and there were suspended 1,061. This is a deplorable situation that I hope we will be able to remedy in the near future."

Thirty-eight lodges failed to comply with the law and did not mail their returns in time, and were penalized for not doing so.

Twenty-seven lodges failed to comply with Section 148 and did not make payment of dues during September.

The following lodges were set to work under dispensation: Paradise, Robards, Pine Knot, Verona, Cerulean Springs, Heidelberg, Stanley and Orie S. Ware.

The following lodges were regularly established by proxies of the Grand Master: Wheelersburg 843, Crutchfield 859, Sunlight 860, Oil Springs 861, Plumb 862, Carrico 864, Highland Park 865, Woodbine 866, Eureka 867, Irvington 868, James W. Alley 869, Ragsdale 870.

Authority was given Cave Hill Cemetery to improve Masonic burial lot.

Forest Lodge No. 308 surrendered charter August 9, 1913.

Nash Lodge No. 822 charter was arrested December 23, 1913, and Ford Lodge No. 444 charter arrested January 29, 1914.

Grand Lodge assets were .....	\$367,336.47
Grand Lodge liabilities .....	273,986.55

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Cash on hand .....	\$ 93,349.92
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Since books were closed the Widows and Orphans' Home assessments and the Home Journal subscriptions have been paid in full.

The afternoon was devoted to an entertainment by the children of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, as hosts to the Grand Lodge. Director J. T. O'Neal presented the children and Grand Master Ware responded with an appropriate address.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1914

### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock a. m.

Past Grand Master James Garnett, of the Special Committee on Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, submitted a detailed report which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 95, 96, 97, 98, 99 and 100), which embraced the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Home on the evening of March 23, 1914:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home that, if in the wisdom of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky it shall be deemed proper that a certificate of life membership shall be issued to subordinate lodges for each \$100 of assessments hereafter made and paid for the benefit of the Home, and the Grand Lodge shall make

such provision in making future assessments, then the Board of Directors of the Home will accept future assessments made under such provision; provided that the masters of the respective subordinate lodges shall be alone authorized to cast the votes of such life memberships, and in the case of his absence the respective lodges may, by resolution, make and constitute a proxy to vote such life memberships.

"Resolved, That the attorney of the board, in conjunction with the Grand Master, prepare and present to the board an amendment to the charter of the Home, changing Section 3 of the original charter act, January 15, 1867, so as to include the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and any Masonic body recognized by said Grand Lodge as bodies competent to hold life memberships."

The report concluded with several recommendations to the Home Board of Directors.

Past Grand Master Charles H. Fisk presented and introduced Brother John Phillip Harbick, of Covington, Ky., past four-score years of age, who addressed the Grand Lodge briefly.

Brother Charles A. McMillan introduced a resolution amending Section 60 of the Grand Lodge Constitution, relating to a board of trustees for the Masonic Temple. Referred to Committee on Jurisprudence, who held it over to next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Hanson Peterson introduced a resolution asking the appointment of five to consider the establishment of a Tuberculosis Sanatorium. Referred to Finance Committee, who directed the attention of the incoming Grand Master to same.

Brother A. H. Bryant, for Committee on Lodges U. D., made report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 103, 104 and 105).

Brother J. N. Saunders, chairman of Committee on History, made report asking further time (see Proceedings, pages 105, 106, 107, 108 and 109).

Brother Samuel D. Boden offered amendment to the Constitution, which was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence (see Proceedings, page 110).

Brother George A. Lewis, Committee on Necrology, made extended report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 110, 111, 112, 113 and 114).

Committee on Credentials reported. Adopted.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his report, which was adopted, and ordered printed as an appendix to the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

Brother John C. Worsham, for Committee on Appeals, read report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 115 and 116).

Brother John T. Kincaid, Committee on By-Laws, read report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 116 and 117).

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock p. m.

The election of Grand Officers, begun at 11 o'clock a. m., was concluded with the following result: George B. Winslow, Grand Master; T. J. Adams, Deputy Grand Master; James N. Saunders, Grand Senior Warden; Earl W. Weathers, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer; Dave Jackson, Grand Secretary.

Brother John L. Vest offered the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Finance:

"Be It Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, That hereafter the Grand Treasurer, in making his annual report, be requested to give the names of the persons to whom various warrants are payable, and a brief explanatory clause, consisting of two or three words, showing the purpose for which the various warrants are paid."

Past Grand Master James Garnett offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"In order that the continuing history of subordinate lodges may be preserved in the most convenient form and best style, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the outgoing master of each subordinate lodge is advised to prepare and present to his lodge on the day of the annual election of officers, a short history or report of the work done by his lodge during the preceding year, which report will show the total number initiated, passed and raised, the number demitted, expelled, suspended and died, together with a biographical sketch of those who may die, also the amount of money collected and expended, and such other information as the master may think will be of interest to the Craft in the future."

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

#### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1914

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9 o'clock a. m.

Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That secretaries of subordinate lodges be requested, at the death of a member of his lodge, that he immediately notify by letter or postal the Masonic Home Journal, giving name of deceased, location, lodge number, date and cause

of death, all of which is to be published in the next issue of the Home Journal free of charge."

Brother Robert E. Woods, chairman of Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple, read report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 121, 122, 123, 124 and 125).

Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm's report of Committee on Uniform Work and Ritual was rejected and committee discharged (see Proceedings, pages 125 and 126).

Past Grand Master James Garnett offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That we heartily commend our beloved Grand Master for the open, frank and true Masonic spirit displayed by him in submitting the question of using cipher work to the subordinate lodges so as to enable all the Craft to fully understand the important question to be submitted to the Grand Lodge."

Brother S. P. Browning, for the Committee on Finance, presented report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 127, 128, 129 and 130).

Past Grand Master B. G. Witt offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Be It Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master and the Grand Secretary be and are hereby instructed to destroy the plates and books now in the custody of the Grand Secretary known and called Morris Mnemonics, and the Grand Master is authorized to seek out of the Grand Lodge library all cipher works and other professed exposition of the secrets of Masonry and destroy them at the same time he destroys the mnemonics."

Brother Innes B. Ross, of Special Committee on "The Masonic," made report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 130 and 131).

Supplemental report of Committee on Appeals presented and adopted (see Proceedings, pages 131 and 132).

Committee of Past Grand Masters to exemplify degree at next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Joe H. Ewalt, of Committee on Our Homes, reported (see Proceedings, pages 132, 133, 134, 135 and 136).

Lewis Lodge No. 191 awarded jewels.

Examination in Master Mason degree made compulsory.

Past Grand Master Charles H. Fisk, chairman Committee on Jurisprudence, made report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 137, 138, 139, 140 and 141).

Grand Secretary appointed Brother Alex M. Woodruff, Assistant Grand Secretary.

Grand Master Ware installed Grand Master Winslow, who delivered an address (see Proceedings, page 141), following which Brother Ware installed the other officers: T. J. Adams, Deputy

Grand Master; James N. Saunders, Grand Senior Warden; Earl W. Weathers, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer; I. E. D. Andrews, Grand Chaplain; A. M. Woodruff, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. B. Rouse, Grand Senior Deacon; J. Pearl Downs, Grand Junior Deacon; Wm. Fronmiller, Grand Sword Bearer; A. A. Ranshaw, Grand Pursuivant; Charles A. Gipe, Grand Tiler.

Past Grand Master Joe H. Ewalt offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That out of the net surplus of the Grand Lodge for the past year, \$10,000 be donated to the Widows and Orphans' Home, to be applied on the debt created in the erection of the widows' annex."

Brother A. A. Ranshaw, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented retiring Grand Master Orie S. Ware the past grand master's jewel.

By resolution, secretaries are required to give post office addresses when making returns.

The Grand Master appointed the following committees:

Appeals—E. B. Beard, R. W. Smith and W. C. Black.

By-Laws—J. E. Pollock, J. C. Worsham and Hanson Peterson.

Finance—S. P. Browning, J. A. Harris and D. W. Gatlin.

Jurisprudence—W. W. Crawford, G. A. Lewis and Chas. McMillan.

Lodges U. D.—A. H. Bryant, A. A. Hazelrigg and T. W. Pennington.

Our Homes—Joe H. Ewalt, Henry Schuerman and A. P. Gans.

Necrology—G. Allison Holland.

Proceedings—W. W. Clarke.

Credentials—J. C. Vaught, J. T. Kincaid and Levi B. Scott.

Masonic Temple—C. N. Smith, Geo. T. Cross, W. B. Trumbo, S. K. Veach and R. E. Woods.

Special Masonic Temple—Henry T. Jefferson, Carl Wiseman and F. W. Hardwick.

Biography—E. C. Sellers.

Roll Call—And absentees noted. Grand Lodge closed in ample form at 3 o'clock p. m.

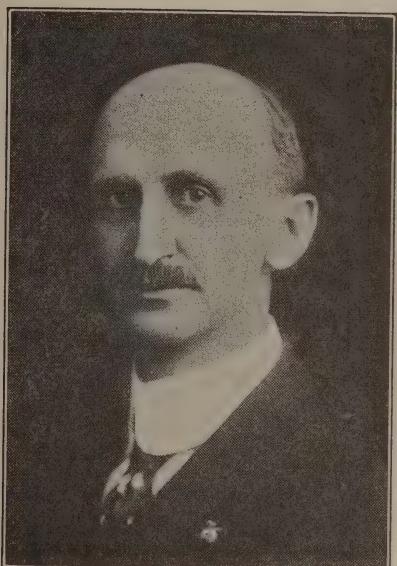
GEO. B. WINSLOW, Grand Master.

DAVE JACKSON, Grand Secretary.



## ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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George B. Winslow

1915

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Born 1868—Died 1930

George Boorum Winslow was born in Carrollton, Carroll County, Kentucky, June 6, 1868, and died at his home there September 3, 1930. He was the son of Wm. W. Winslow and M. Jennie Woolfolk. He had resided in Carrollton since the day of his birth, and was one of its most highly respected citizens. He was a member of Carrollton Lodge No. 134, F. & A. M., having received the Entered Apprentice degree July 6, 1891, the Fellow Craft, August 3, 1891, and the Master Mason degree September 7, 1891. He was elected Master of the lodge December 27, 1894, serving one year in that office. He had been a regular attendant at the annual communications of Grand Lodge since 1895; had served on many important committees, and rendered faithful service to the Craft. He was a member of the original committee which revised the Constitution as promulgated in 1908. He also revised one edition of the Monitor known as Grant's Trestle Board. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home for a number of years and rendered valuable service to the Home in that capacity. He was also a life member of the Old Masons' Home, Shelbyville, and an honorary life member of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association of Alexandria, Va. On October 18, 1911, he was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. On October 16, 1912, he was elected Grand Senior Warden, Deputy Grand Master, October 22, 1913, and Grand Master on October 21, 1914, and a more deserving Mason was never elevated to that high office. Serious problems which confronted him the twelve months of his service were met with courage and discharged with strength and wisdom. He was a member of Carroll Chapter No. 55, R. A. M., having received the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees on March 25, 1895, and was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason on March 25, 1895. In September, 1897, he was elected Grand High Priest. As in the Grand Lodge, so in the Grand Chapter he served with distinction on its committees and on the committee that revised the Constitution, Regulations and Code of that institution. In October, 1910, he was appointed Royal Arch Captain and each year was regularly advanced until in the usual course of events he was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, in October, 1916. On May 2, 1902, he received the Council degrees consisting of the Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Master, in Louisville

Council No. 4, R. & S. M. On February 22, 1898, he received the Order of the Red Cross in DeMolay Commandery No. 12, K. T., in Louisville, and the Orders of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta. In the Grand Consistory of Kentucky, A. & A. S. R., on the 8th day of April, 1911, he was made Master of the Royal Secret of the 32nd degree. On March 4, 1904, he became a member of Kosair Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

In his home life Brother Winslow was kind, congenial, and a cheerful companion, and an admirable host. He was married to Miss Lucy Hafford of Carrollton the 3rd day of October, 1894. For years he was active in politics in his county, and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which he had served faithfully in many official capacities, having been considered one of the most prominent lay members of the M. E. Church, South, in Kentucky. In education he was a product of the local schools of Carrollton and a law student of the University of Louisville, from which he graduated in 1893. Returning to Carrollton, Ky., he became a member of the Carroll County Bar, and was soon ranked as one of the ablest members. Throughout his life he enjoyed a splendid practice and enviable reputation as a lawyer, and was engaged in the practice of his profession with his nephew, John J. Howe, under the name of Winslow and Howe. Wm. B. Winslow, of New York City, and Henry M. Winslow, of Harriman, Tenn., and a nephew, B. W. Howe, of Chicago, are not only members of the Craft, but are lawyers. As a business man he had an enviable reputation for truth and veracity, and in addition to the legal work which came to him, he was for many years president of the Carrollton National Bank, officer and director of the Central Home Telephone and Telegraph Co., Carrollton Furniture Manufacturing Co., Adkinson Bros. Lumber Co., the Carrollton Telephone Exchange Co., Carrollton Tobacco Warehouse Co., and Sebree Mail Exchanging Device Co., the Wood Auto and Machine Co., and the Carrollton Realty Co.

He was a plain man, a strong character and of exemplary habits, acting on matters with candor and courage, but courteous and considerate, possessing to a very marked degree a rare affability with a considerable sense of humor and a quality of coolness often demonstrated under most trying circumstances, that made him a business man of exceptional ability.

### FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1915

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., was held in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, Ky., commencing Tuesday, October 19, 1915, and was opened in ample form in the Master Mason's degree at 10:00 o'clock a. m. Grand Officers present and presiding in their respective stations were:

George B. Winslow .....	Grand Master
T. J. Adams .....	Deputy Grand Master
James N. Saunders .....	Grand Senior Warden
Earl Weathers .....	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers .....	Grand Treasurer
Dave Jackson .....	Grand Secretary
I. E. D. Andrews .....	Grand Chaplain
Alex M. Woodruff .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
A. B. Rouse .....	Grand Senior Deacon
J. Pearl Downs .....	Grand Junior Deacon
James R. Rogers .....	Grand Marshal
Wm. Fronmiller .....	Grand Sword Bearer
A. A. Ranshaw .....	Grand Pursuivant
Charles A. Gipe .....	Grand Tiler

Of the 26 living past grand masters, 20 of them were in attendance at this session of the Grand Lodge. Of past masters present and registered in the Grand Secretary's office, there

were 74 present, with Lexington Lodge No. 1, as usual, heading the list with the names of G. Allison Holland, John T. Kincaid and Guy Johnson. There were 594 lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge and of this number 563 were represented in the present session of the Grand Lodge. Most Worshipful Grand Master Winslow delivered a very encouraging and comprehensive address which was listened to attentively by assembled delegates, and upon the conclusion of which was referred to the proper committees for distribution. In opening his address, he spoke as follows:

*"To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky,  
Free and Accepted Masons:*

"We are convened today in the One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, in order that we may scrutinize our labors during the past year, and thereby obtain a better insight into what must and may be done during the coming year.

"At the very outset I desire to again assure you of my sincere appreciation of the honor which you conferred upon me one year ago in electing me to the high office of Grand Master. While the work has been laborious at times, yet the pleasure and the moral and mental profit to me have more than repaid me for any burdens incident to the office."

In referring to Necrology, he said: "It is with much sorrow and with a feeling of personal loss that I record the passing away of our beloved and brilliant brother, Past Grand Master Warren LaRue Thomas, who was called to his reward at Tucson, Ariz., on the 24th of November, 1914. I caused official announcement to be made of his passing away, and in person conducted Masonic burial services at his grave in the presence of a large concourse of people at Danville, Ky., on November 30, 1914."

Speaking of the George Washington Memorial Association, he said: "I had the pleasure of attending the annual meeting of this association, held on February 22, 1915, at Alexandria, Va. The object and purposes of this association are fully set out in the address of Grand Master Ware last year, and have been stated by other Grand Masters, so I deem it unnecessary to cumber the record with a reiteration of the same facts."

He made a number of visitations during the year, one of which carried him to Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 29, 1914, where upon invitation he attended the conference of the Grand Masters and Grand Officers of various Grand Masonic bodies in the United States.

In November, 1914, a reception was tendered him by Carrollton Lodge No. 134, Carrollton, in recognition of the honor that had come to Carrollton Lodge by his having been elevated

to the station of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Dispensations and proxies for laying cornerstones and dedication of lodge halls and other public places were granted by the Grand Master. Some 30 dispensations were granted several lodges to publicly install officers of their lodge. He also granted dispensations to a number of lodges to confer the Entered Apprentice degree on more than five candidates at the same time. Dispensations were granted for new lodges as follows: November 23, 1914, Harlan Lodge U. D., was granted dispensation to work U. D., to be located at Harlan, Ky., and was set to work December 1, 1914, by F. G. Lewis, past master of Howard Lodge No. 819. The officers of the lodge were H. L. Howard, Master; F. C. Anderson, Senior Warden, and A. C. Clark, Junior Warden. On May 8, 1915, dispensation was granted Wheatcroft Lodge to be located at Wheatcroft, Webster County, Ky., which was set to work May 14, 1915, by Past Master M. T. Winstead of Walton Lodge No. 719. The officers were J. W. Martin, Master; Chas. B. Simpson, Senior Warden, and John R. Mitchell, Junior Warden. On August 25, 1915, dispensation was granted Benham Lodge to be located at Benham, Harlan County, and was set to work by Past Master Grant Nolen, of Whitesburg Lodge No. 754, September 4, 1915. James C. Nash was Master; Henry O. Hall, Senior Warden, and John M. Huff, Junior Warden. Pursuant to Constitution, Section 24, dispensations were granted Hanson Lodge No. 766, and Winchester Lodge No. 20, to hold an election for officers, they having each failed to hold such election on the day prescribed by the Constitution, which should have been December 27th. Vacancies in office of several lodges were filled by the Grand Master during his year. A number of dispensations were refused for various reasons.

He reported to the Grand Lodge that there were 590 chartered lodges and four others working under dispensation, with a total membership of 43,387, being an increase for the year of 1,248.

In refusing to give authority to lodges to circularize the Craft for financial aid, he said: "I was prompted by the same reasons as those expressed by Grand Master Ewalt in 1913." He reported that agreeable to a resolution adopted by Grand Lodge in 1914 that he and the Grand Secretary had made a search for plates and books said to be in the custody of the Grand Secretary and known as Morris' Mnemonics. The books were found and burned. No plates were found and the Grand Secretary informed him that no such plates had ever come into his custody or control.

Speaking of the St. John's Day League, he said: "This is an organization of earnest, active Masonic brethren in Louisville. It is under the control of a committee, or a Board of Directors,

which is created by each lodge in the city of Louisville selecting one member. It is an extremely important work, and the lodges should use their best efforts to select the very best men for that purpose."

He reported to Grand Lodge that he was unable to raise the full amount of \$60,000 as a free-will offering to the Home during his term of office. He also reported approximately 375 lodges in the state had not seen fit to participate in this great enterprise. Continuing, he said that he thought in all fairness the 375 lodges in this state should pay whatever else might be lacking. In closing his address and referring to the \$60,000 free-will offering which he had hoped to raise during his term as Grand Master, he spoke as follows: "I desire to express my thanks to the lodges which have fully paid to this fund at the rate of \$1.50 per member as asked; and also to the other lodges which have contributed a portion of the amount asked; and to the St. John's Day League of Louisville for its valuable assistance to this noble charity, and to express the hope that those lodges which have not yet contributed their full pro rata, and especially those which have contributed nothing, will yet pay in full."

A supplemental report was made by the Grand Master to Grand Lodge because of the fact that more or less confusion had been caused among the members of the Fraternity due to a controversy between the then editor of the Masonic Home Journal and a prominent layman of one of our religious institutions in Louisville. This caused a resolution to be adopted by the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and approved by the Grand Lodge that matters religious (sectarian or denominational) be excluded from the Journal in the future without the approval of the board, and that the controversy which has appeared in the Journal with Mr.—be discontinued at once.

Brother T. J. Adams, Deputy Grand Master, made a report of his stewardship during the past year, which was accepted by Grand Lodge. He reported having, as proxy of the Grand Master, laid cornerstones as follows: Shawnee Lodge Temple on April 17; on June 14, as proxy of the Grand Master, he laid the cornerstone for the court house at Brooksville, Bracken County, Ky.; on July 10, as proxy of the Grand Master, he laid the cornerstone of the court house at Benton, in Marshall County, Ky.; on July 26, as proxy of the Grand Master, he laid the cornerstone of the lodge building erected by Cypress Lodge No. 810, at Calvert City, Ky.

John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer, made his report, which was referred to the Finance Committee. A recapitulation of his report showed receipts from October, 1914, to October, 1915, as

\$204,945.41. Disbursements for the same period were \$109,258.36, leaving a balance as of October 1, 1915, of \$95,687.05.

Dave Jackson, Grand Secretary, presented his report, which was referred to the Committee on Distribution. He reported that returns received showed an increase in membership of 1,248, there being in the state at the time, 43,387 Masons. Parkland Lodge No. 638 came first in number of new members by initiation, having initiated 56; Allen Lodge No. 24 being second with 44 initiated. He reported that a check for \$106.67 had been received from the Ohio Freemasons' Flood Relief Committee, being a refund of one-third of the amount which had been contributed to this fund by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and three of her subordinate lodges.

The Grand Master announced committee appointments as follows:

Committee on Visitors—W. R. Johnston, Henry Pirtle, I. B. Ross.

Special Committee on Tuberculosis Sanatorium—Hanson Peterson, John J. Howe, J. Bruce Davis, F. A. Sampson, George B. Spencer.

Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until Wednesday morning at 9:00 a. m.

The afternoon was devoted to an entertainment by the children of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home as hosts of the Grand Lodge under the direction of Superintendent T. J. Adams. An excellent program was rendered.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1915

### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:00 a. m. Printed minutes of Tuesday's proceedings having been distributed, the reading of them by the Grand Secretary was dispensed with.

Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware made a motion that the Grand Secretary send the Grand Lodge of Ohio a telegram of fraternal greetings. This was adopted.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke, of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his report, which was printed in the Proceedings as an appendix.

The following resolution was offered by Brother T. J. Ellis of Lodge No. 328, and was referred to the committee having the matter in charge:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that its official organ, the Masonic Home Journal, should be under the direct control of the Grand Lodge, and that, with the consent of the Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, its

affairs be placed in the hands of an Editor-Manager, approved by the Grand Lodge.

"Resolved further, That the Committee on Homes at once confer with the Board of Directors of said Home, acquaint them with the sentiment of the Grand Lodge, and report back at to-morrow's session what suggestion they or the board may have to make as to how the Grand Lodge may best secure such control of the Journal."

A resolution by Brother J. W. Norwood of Lexington No. 1 was offered and referred to the Finance Committee, as follows:

"Whereas, This Grand Lodge formerly gave the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home \$90,000 to be held in trust under certain conditions, be it

"Resolved, That same and all interest, if any, that may be due on this sum, be donated without condition to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, which shall be and is hereby requested to issue to the Grand Lodge life memberships in return therefor."

Past Grand Master James Garnett offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Finance Committee for immediate report:

"Whereas, The Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home has an average enrollment of 340 boys and girls, who are the wards of the several subordinate lodges composing this Grand Lodge, and

"Whereas, An average of 25 of these boys and girls are annually discharged from the Home on account of their having reached the age limit of 16 years, and

"Whereas, It is deemed unwise for this large number of boys and girls to be kept together in the Home after they have reached 16 years of age, but at this tender age they are not sufficiently educated and equipped to compete with the average man and woman whom they are forced to meet in life's battle, and

"Whereas, The annual dues paid by the subordinate lodges for the support of the Grand Lodge amount to more than \$42,000, and the total expenses of the Grand Lodge, including the mileage and per diem of the representatives, will not annually exceed \$21,000, which leaves a net annual balance of more than \$21,000, and

"Whereas, All the debts owing by the Grand Lodge have been paid, except the \$135,000 of bonds which are held by the Trustees of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and are secured by lien on the Masonic Temple property, which cost \$259,000, and it being apparent that the Grand Lodge will have an annual surplus of at least \$20,000, therefore be it

"Resolved, That \$15,000 of the surplus now on hand, as shown by the report of the Grand Treasurer, and \$10,000 an-

nually for the next nine years, be and the same is appropriated out of any surplus, and is set apart as a special trust fund to be invested, and the income thereon to be used for the purpose of giving higher and vocational education to the boys and girls who are graduated from the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home.

"Five Master Masons, members of subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, shall be appointed by the incoming Grand Master as trustees of this fund. One of the number so appointed shall serve for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, and the Grand Master in office, when a vacancy occurs, shall fill the vacancy by appointing a member of some subordinate lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

"The Board of Trustees so constituted shall receive from the Grand Treasurer the sum so appropriated and receipt to him therefor, and they will immediately cause the same to be invested in some solvent, interest-bearing security. They may loan the same on real or personal security, and the income derived from said investment shall be used by said trustees in paying the expense of securing additional higher and vocational education and training for the boys and girls who have graduated from our Home. Until the income from said fund is sufficient to give all the boys and girls graduated from the Home an equal opportunity to acquire additional higher and vocational education, said trustees will select out of the graduates, through such merit plan as may seem best to them, an equal number of boys and girls. The said trustees will select one of their number, or some other Master Mason, or some financial institution, as the treasurer of said fund, and the person so selected shall be required to execute bond for the faithful performance of his duties as such, and they may select one of their number as chairman and another as secretary of said trustees.

"It shall be the duty of said Board of Trustees, and they shall have the power, to select such schools or institutions as to them may seem most suitable for the education of the respective boys and girls. When an institution is selected and arrangements have been made for the education of a boy or girl therein, said trustees shall immediately notify the lodge nearest to said institution, and request said lodge to appoint a special committee to look after and exercise a supervisory watch over said boy or girl, and report to said Board of Trustees. Said trustees will, when such boy or girl has acquired sufficient education, recommend such boy and girl and secure employment for them.

"The said trustees shall annually report to the Grand Lodge the amount of money on hand, the amount received since the last report, the kind and character of investments, the number

of boys and girls receiving the benefit of this fund, and will show how and in what manner the money is being expended. Said trustees shall have the right to sell any of said securities bought by them, to collect notes executed to them, and re-invest the proceeds thereof under the name of the Educational Trustees of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M., of Kentucky."

Brother A. H. Bryant, for the Committee on Lodges U. D., made his report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Credentials, Brother J. C. Vaught, chairman, read the committee's report, which was adopted.

Brother Robert E. Woods, for the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple, made the report for that body, which was adopted.

Brother James N. Saunders made the report for the Historical Committee, and, on his motion, the same was adopted.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was made by Brother John C. Worsham, chairman of the committee, which report was adopted.

The Committee on Necrology made its report, and the same was adopted by rising vote after the singing by the quartet of "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." The members of the quartet were A. A. Hazelrigg, Taylor Matthews, I. B. Ross and G. Allison Holland.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke offered the following resolution, and after being seconded by Past Grand Master James Garnett, it was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

"Resolved, That the Regulation found on Page 137 of the Proceedings of 1914, requiring all Master Masons thereafter raised to stand a satisfactory examination before being eligible to vote or hold office in his lodge, be repealed."

The Grand Lodge then proceeded with the election of the Grand Officers, with the following results: T. J. Adams, Louisville, Grand Master; James N. Saunders, Stanford, Deputy Grand Master; Earl W. Weathers, Elkton, Grand Senior Warden; William Carson Black, Barbourville, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Louisville, Grand Treasurer; Dave Jackson, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

Brother W. E. Powers, a member of Wingate Lodge No. 161, was introduced to Grand Lodge by the Grand Master. He was 92 years old, and had been a Mason for 70 years.

On motion of Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke, Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2:30 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2:30 p. m., Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, and was addressed by Past Grand Master John H. Leathers, who on that day, 40 years before, had been elected Grand

Master. Other past grand masters who addressed Grand Lodge were Frank C. Gerard, John G. Orndorff and Howard R. French.

A telegram from the Grand Lodge of Ohio was ordered included in the proceedings of the day:

Dayton, Ohio, October 20, 1915.

Dave Jackson, Grand Secretary,  
Louisville:

Ohio sends fraternal greetings and best wishes.

J. H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary.

Brother S. Pearce Browning read the report on resolution introduced by Past Grand Master Garnett, to create a special Educational Fund for the benefit of the graduates of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home. The report was adopted by a rising vote and since it was the birth of the Educational Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky who have done so much to assist the graduates of the Home to procure higher education, we reprint their report, which is as follows:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky:

"Your Committee on Finance, having been directed to make a special report on the resolution offered by Past Grand Master James Garnett to create a special Educational Fund for the benefit of graduates of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, together with a Board of Trustees to administer the same, respectfully recommend:

"That so much of the resolution as creates the trustees and authorizes the Grand Master to make the appointments; so much of the resolution as empowers the trustees to select the boys and girls who are to receive the benefit of said additional education; so much of the resolution as authorizes the trustees to select the institutions which they shall attend, to supervise the education of the boys and girls, and generally adopt rules and regulations for the administration of the fund and the supervision of its beneficiaries, and also so much as requires said trustees to report to the Grand Lodge at its annual communication, be approved.

"We recommend that the trustees so appointed be past masters.

"Instead of appropriating \$15,000 in cash the first year, and \$10,000 in cash per year thereafter for nine years, your committee recommends that annually out of the surplus in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, not less than \$15,000 shall be used for the purpose of purchasing that amount of the outstanding bonds which are secured by lien on the Masonic Temple property, until all of said bonds now outstanding shall have been so purchased. Said bonds, when purchased, shall be turned over to the Board of Trustees of the Educational Fund, and said trustees are au-

thorized to use the income from said bonds for the purposes herein set out.

"In the event that a sale or other disposition of the Masonic Temple property is made, whereby the bonds thereon shall be retired, then, and in that event, the trustees shall re-invest the proceeds accruing therefrom in real estate bonds and mortgages.

"We recommend, in addition thereto, that there be appropriated annually, beginning this year and continuing for ten years, the sum of \$1,000, which sum is to be used by said trustees in furtherance of the trust created.

"We further recommend that said trustees be empowered to receive donations from persons and organizations for the purposes of its trust, and if any of said sums be contributed with the stipulation that only the income arising thereon be used for said purpose, then said trustees shall have the power to invest and re-invest such funds, and to collect and expend the income arising therefrom."

S. P. Browning,  
D. W. Gatlin,  
D. B. Shackelford,

Finance Committee.

Brother Hanson Peterson, chairman of the Special Committee on Tuberculosis Sanatorium, made his committee's report, which was adopted.

Brother Chas. A. Wilson, a member of Louisville Lodge No. 400, made an appeal to the members of the Grand Lodge for contributions for the benefit of the boys' band of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home. The subscriptions amounted to \$1,100. It was duly moved, seconded and carried, that Grand Lodge contribute \$100 to the fund.

On motion of Past Grand Master Wilhelm, Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1915

#### MORNING SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:00 o'clock a. m.

The printed proceedings of the second-day sessions were distributed among the representatives, and the reading of these minutes was dispensed with.

Brother S. P. Browning, chairman of the Finance Committee, offered a supplemental report, which was adopted. The portion of this report which had to do with recommendations of the Grand Master, read as follows: "Referring to the creation

of the Special Educational Fund, provided for yesterday, and to the Board of Trustees which will be appointed to administer the same, we recommend that the said trustees be allowed mileage and per diem when in attendance upon regularly called meetings of the said board."

Brother Geo. A. Lewis, a member of the Committee on Jurisprudence, made the report for that committee, which was adopted. The committee gave its approval to the amendment to the Constitution offered by Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware at the 1914 session of Grand Lodge, to amend Section 148, so that when amended it would read as follows: "Each lodge shall pay to the Grand Secretary its indebtedness to the Grand Lodge as soon as practicable during the month of September of each year, but same shall reach the office of the Grand Secretary not later than the 28th day of the month."

The committee also approved an amendment to Section 60 of the Constitution offered by Brother C. A. McMillan, at the 1914 communication of the Grand Lodge. The amendment read as follows: "So long as the Grand Lodge shall own a Masonic Temple, there shall be a Board of Trustees, which shall consist of five affiliated Master Masons, three of whom shall always be residents of Jefferson County; the other two shall reside in Kentucky outside of Jefferson County and in different counties; no two of said members of said board shall at the same time be members of the same lodge."

Further approval was given the views of the Grand Master as expressed in his opinion in reference to proficiency examinations in the Master's degree.

Brother C. M. Braughton of Lodge No. 673, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the superintendents of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and the Old Masons' Home publish the disbursements of the money donations as sent in by the different lodges for the benefit of the children for Christmas, to be published in January or February of the Masonic Home Journal edition."

Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Grand Master be and he is hereby requested hereafter not to appoint any member on the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple who shall be a member of the Board of Directors of either the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home or the Old Masons' Home; and further, that he do not appoint or elect a member of either of the latter boards who shall be serving on any of the other two of the three boards herein mentioned."

The report of the Committee on Our Homes was made by Past Grand Master Joe H. Ewalt, and the same was adopted. Said the report: "We found conditions to be very satisfactory, and that our wards are being nicely cared for. After a careful investigation, we have concluded to make some recommendations, which we believe, if considered and complied with, will be for the best interest of those dependent upon the charity of the Craft."

The report further recommended that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended Preston Lodge No. 281, for repairs made on the Infirmary, and to the estate of Mrs. W. J. Abrams for furnishing a dormitory.

Past Grand Master Peak, chairman of the Special Committee on Supplemental Report of the Grand Master, made its report, which was adopted.

Upon motion of Past Grand Master James Garnett, Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 3:00 o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3:14 o'clock p. m., by Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware.

Discussion on the adoption of the report of the Special Committee on Grand Master's Supplemental Address was resumed with remarks by Brothers J. W. Norwood and G. Allison Holland.

The report of the Committee on Appeals was made by Brother E. B. Beard, and same was adopted. Four cases had come before the Committee on Appeals; one was that of E. W. Dorsey vs. Abraham Lodge No. 8. Dorsey had been expelled from the lodge, having been charged with embezzlement. He appealed the decision of the lodge and Grand Lodge, upon recommendation of the Committee on Appeals, approved the action of Abraham Lodge.

The next appeal was that of E. H. Steele vs. Woodbine Lodge No. 866, appealing the action of Woodbine Lodge in expelling him from the rights and privileges of Masonry, on the charge of unmasonic conduct. Because of some irregularities in the trial, the committee recommended that the action of the lodge be reversed and the appellant be granted a new trial.

Another appeal was that of A. V. Rutland vs. L. M. Cox Lodge No. 327, in expelling him from the lodge on charges of conspiracy to defraud. L. M. Cox Lodge refused to grant the defendant a continuance of the case until after the indictment against him in the civil court should have been decided. It was the opinion of the committee that the lodge should have granted the appellant's request for postponement of trial and they recommended that the action of the lodge in expelling Rutland be reversed and that he should be granted another trial.

Thomas S. Pettit appealed to Grand Lodge from the action of Owensboro Lodge No. 130 in a decision rendered by that lodge in the trial of Brother Kleber M. Sweeney, upon charges of gross unmasonic conduct. The committee, after conducting full investigation, and hearing arguments from both sides of the question, concluded that the penalty inflicted was not adequate punishment for the offense committed. The committee was further of the opinion that while they thought a greater punishment should have been inflicted, they did not believe that the Grand Lodge should divert from the old-established rule that the lodge is the sole judge of the penalty it will inflict upon its own members for a Masonic offense, and it was therefore recommended that the appeal be dismissed.

Brother Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware offered a resolution, which was adopted. This resolution had to do with the books, pamphlets and letters in the supplemental report of the Grand Master's address, and recommended that this portion of the report be not included in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, but that the Grand Secretary be instructed to preserve in his office two copies of all said books, pamphlets and letters.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Whereas, Dispensations were issued years ago for various lodges to remove their places of meetings, but not reported to this Grand Lodge for its approval, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to endorse said charters as so removed to new places of meeting by authority of the Grand Master."

Brother Henry Pirtle, for the Committee on Visitors, made their report, which was adopted.

Grand Master-elect T. J. Adams announced the following appointments:

William S. Sanford, Louisville, Grand Chaplain.

Walter J. Piggott, Irvington, Grand Senior Deacon.

James Keeley, Owensboro, Grand Junior Deacon.

James R. Rogers, Paris, Grand Marshal.

Fred Acker, Paducah, Grand Sword Bearer.

Emerson E. Nelson, Williamsburg, Grand Pursuivant.

Charles A. Gipe, Louisville, Grand Tiler.

Brother Geo. A. Lewis offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky are due and are hereby tendered to our retiring Grand Master, Brother George B. Winslow, for the very able and impartial manner in which he discharged the arduous duties of his high office."

The following Grand Officers were then very impressively installed:

T. J. Adams (400), Louisville, Grand Master; James N. Saunders (60), Stanford, Deputy Grand Master; Earl W. Weathers (71), Elkton, Grand Senior Warden; William Carson Black (187), Barbourville, Grand Junior Warden; John Hess Leathers (376), Louisville, Grand Treasurer; Alex. M. Woodruff (506), Louisville, Assistant Grand Secretary; Wm. S. Sanford (224), Louisville, Grand Chaplain; Walter J. Piggott (868), Irvington, Grand Senior Deacon; James Keeley (130), Owensboro, Grand Junior Deacon; James R. Rogers (246), Paris, Grand Marshal; Fred Acker (127), Paducah, Grand Sword Bearer; Emerson E. Nelson (490), Williamsburg, Grand Pursuivant; Charles A. Gipe (266), Louisville, Grand Tiler.

Grand Secretary Dave Jackson presented Past Grand Master Winslow with a past grand master's jewel on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Adams appointed the following committees:

Committee on Appeals—John G. Cramer (1), Lexington; John Mohler (163), Newport; George W. Tanner (489), Barlow. Committee on By-Laws—S. S. Pinney (23), Mt. Sterling; S. Marion Cecil (375), Pikeville; Fred G. Ott (607), Dayton.

Committee on Finance—Fred J. Mayer (159), Covington; J. E. Pollock (89), Greenup; C. F. Troutman (155), Shepherdsville.

Committee on Jurisprudence—R. F. Peak (158), Louisville; R. W. Smith (137), Irvine; L. T. Everett (235), Catlettsburg.

Committee on Lodges U. D.—Alfred H. Bryant (159), Covington; M. H. H. Davis (2), Paris; Thomas C. Delvaux (24), Glasgow.

Committee on Necrology—Alvin A. Ranshaw (345), Covington.

Committee on Homes—Joe H. Ewalt (716), Paris; Henry Schuerman (134), Carrollton; Albert P. Gans (400), Louisville.

Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges—W. W. Clarke (130), Owensboro.

Trustees of Masonic Temple—W. B. Trumbo, Jr., Sam K. Veach, Robert E. Woods, Charles N. Smith and John M. Scott.

Committee on Biography of Retiring Grand Master—Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware (109), Covington.

Trustees of Educational Fund—James Garnett (96); S. P. Browning (52); Henry P. Barret (9); Edward R. Dillehay (28), and Robert W. Bingham (376).

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was closed in ample form at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

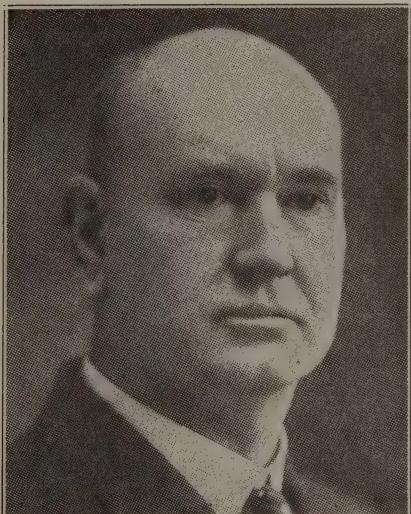
T. J. ADAMS, Grand Master.

DAVE JACKSON, Grand Secretary.



## ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Thomas Jefferson  
Adams

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Born 1861

Thomas Jefferson Adams was born in Adams, Robertson County, Tennessee, August 15, 1861, and is the son of James M. and Catherine Adams. He became a resident of Louisville in December, 1887. He was initiated in Louisville Lodge No. 400, April 18, 1892, passed May 16, 1892, raised June 20, 1892, elected Master, December 27, 1897, declared a life member July 1, 1907. He received the Capitular degrees in Eureka Chapter No. 101, in 1892, demitted in 1905 to become a charter member of Highland Chapter No. 150. He received the Cryptic degrees in Louisville Council No. 4, and in 1900 was elected Thrice Illustrious Master. The Orders of the Temple were received in DeMolay Commandery No. 12, where he served as eminent commander in 1894, and received all Scottish Rite degrees in the Grand Consistory of Kentucky and served that body as Grand Master. In 1903, he became a Shriner. He served as Grand Master of Kentucky in 1915-1916. Brother Adams was elected Superintendent of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home September 20, 1907, and held that position for twenty-three years. He is now Superintendent Emeritus and a member of the Board of Directors.

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FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1916

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was held in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, Ky., commencing Tuesday, October 17, 1916, and was opened in ample form on the Master Mason's degree at 10 o'clock a. m., the following officers being present:

T. J. Adams .....	Grand Master
James N. Saunders .....	Deputy Grand Master
Earl W. Weathers .....	Grand Senior Warden
Wm. Carson Black .....	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers .....	Grand Treasurer
Dave Jackson .....	Grand Secretary
Alex. M. Woodruff .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Rev. Wm. S. Sanford .....	Grand Chaplain
Walter J. Piggott .....	Grand Senior Deacon
James Keeley .....	Grand Junior Deacon
Chas. A. McMillan .....	Grand Marshal
Fred Acker .....	Grand Sword Bearer
Emerson E. Nelson .....	Grand Pursuivant
Charles A. Gipe .....	Grand Tiler

Twenty-five past grand masters (one from Kansas) and 91 past masters were in attendance. Representatives from 681 lodges responded to roll call. Brother Marcus B. Toney of Nashville was present and introduced.

Grand Master Adams delivered his address, in which he said: "In the providence of God we are permitted to assemble in this our annual communication, and to unite in a tribute of thanksgiving for his lovingkindness, whose infinite goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our life and guided and sustained us during the year that has passed. The annual communication of the Grand Lodge is an event of great interest and pleasure to the Craft. Expressing a hope that this one may be fraught with good to our Fraternity, and close with increasing love for the principles of Freemasonry, and in disseminating the great principles of charity, I give you fraternal greeting. It seems but a very short time since the warm handclasp was had and the fraternal goodbye was given at the parting, after the labors of the preceding communication were concluded, and we were preparing to return to our homes, and yet, short as has seemed the time, it has been freighted with labors, anxiety and responsibility to me, at least, which have seemed very heavy at times and caused me many times to doubt my ability to carry to a successful end the duties laid upon me by your suffrage one year ago. From a practical, everyday business man, whose only claim to distinction is by reason of your kindness, which has elevated him to the exalted position of Grand Master of one of the greatest jurisdictions of the world, you cannot expect a report of such finish and completeness as might be expected from one more fortunate in educational opportunities. I trust, therefore, that a plain statement of official acts and existing conditions may satisfy your expectations, and if so, it will be but another evidence of that fraternal spirit which has brought so much sunshine into my life."

No deaths occurred among Grand Lodge officers or past grand masters during the year.

The Grand Master also said: "A meeting of the grand masters of our own land and of the world, if possible, might become a powerful influence in the direction of universal peace. No thought or endeavor could be more appropriate for such an assembly."

Brother W. J. Ryans of Louisville, an expert accountant, was employed to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year.

St. Andrew's Lodge dissolved a resolution, adopted last year, at the suggestion of the Grand Master.

The bond of the Grand Secretary was approved, following a report of the expert accountant, as also was that of the Grand Treasurer.

On January 4, 1916, Brother Dave Jackson was installed as Grand Secretary at a meeting of Shiloh Lodge.

The pressure of official duties prevented the Grand Master from attending a meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association, held at Alexandria, Va., February 22, 1916.

Brother John Scott was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple to serve for five years.

The following were elected members of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home: George B. Winslow, James Garnett, Thomas A. Crawford, C. J. Rosenham and H. R. Kendall.

The Grand Master delivered quite a number of opinions (see Proceedings, pages 31 to 60, inclusive).

During the year the Grand Master made 96 visits to 80 lodges, and attended 22 meetings of the Board of Directors of Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, three meetings of the Board of Directors of the Old Masons' Home, four meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple, three meetings of the Educational Trustees of the Grand Lodge, one of Trowel Club and one of High Twelve Club.

Correspondence of the Grand Master was exceedingly heavy, but he did not find it burdensome. He thought there was an insufficiency of lodge dues; also advised against waste.

Purchased a total of \$15,000 worth of Masonic Temple bonds and turned them over to the Educational Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

Complimented the work of St. John's Day League.

Made extensive review of our Masonic Homes (see Proceedings, pages 67 to 74, inclusive).

Referred to Home Journal and Supplement to Book of Constitutions; also Masonic Employment Bureau.

Cannonsburg Lodge No. 383 and Fairview Lodge No. 214 surrendered their charters.

Reviewed the work of the Educational Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky (see Proceedings, page 76).

Grand Treasurer John H. Leathers presented his report showing receipts to have been \$218,324.46, disbursements \$132,-627.65, balance \$85,696.81 (see Proceedings, pages 70 to 91, inclusive).

Grand Secretary Dave Jackson presented his lengthy report (see Proceedings, pages 92 to 99, inclusive).

On March 17, 1916, Brother William Hosken, father of Miss L. R. Hosken, faithful assistant to the Grand Secretary, died, and the Grand Master ordered a floral emblem sent in the name of Grand Lodge.

Dispensations were granted to 23 lodges to confer the Entered Apprentice degree on classes of more than five candidates; five for laying cornerstones; six for dedication of halls; four for election of officers; four to continue work; ten for change of location; three for new lodges; seven were refused for various reasons.

The Grand Master conducted four Masonic funerals.

On account of the death of John E. Sights, master of Robards Lodge, the Grand Master appointed Robert L. Carrell, senior warden, to take charge.

Forty-nine permissions were given lodges to confer degrees outside of their respective jurisdictions (see Proceedings, pages 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27). Degrees were conferred in seven other grand jurisdictions.

Waivers of jurisdiction were granted to seven other grand jurisdictions, and 20 requests for waivers were granted for this jurisdiction (see Proceedings, pages 27, 28 and 29).

The Grand Master appointed eight proxies to represent him at various functions.

Eginton Lodge No. 490, Williamsburg, and Boston Lodge No. 593, Jellico, Tenn., were consolidated, to be known as Williamsburg Lodge No. 490.

On August 23, 1916, the charter of Wilmore Lodge No. 762 was arrested for non-payment of dues and fines.

Past Grand Master James Garnett offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as refers to the 1915 Proceedings and amendments to the Constitution be referred to the Committee on Proceedings. That so much of said report as refers to charters surrendered and charters arrested be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence, and that the remainder of the said report be referred to the Committee on Finance."

Dan S. McMillen, Grand Master of Texas, was introduced by Committee on Visitors, conducted to the Grand East, and received with Grand Honors.

The Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

Appeals—W. R. Johnston, John Mohler and George W. Tanner.

By-Laws—S. S. Pinney, S. Marion Cecil and Fred G. Ott.

Finance—Fred J. Mayer, J. E. Pollock and C. F. Troutman.

Jurisprudence—R. F. Peak, R. W. Smith and L. T. Everett.

Lodges U. D.—Alfred H. Bryant, M. H. H. Davis and Thos.

C. Delvaux.

Necrology—Alvin A. Ranshaw.

Our Homes—Joe H. Ewalt, Henry Schuerman and Albert P. Gans.

Proceedings of Grand Lodges—William W. Clarke.

Trustees Masonic Temple—W. B. Trumbo, S. K. Veach, Robt. E. Woods, Charles N. Smith and John M. Scott.

Trustees Educational Fund—James Garnett, S. P. Browning, Henry P. Barret, Edward R. Dillehay and Robert W. Bingham.

Credentials—Henry Pirtle, Sam Gray and John Bishop.

Visitors—James R. Bullock, H. D. Rogers and John T. Kincaid.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke submitted report on Doings of Other Grand Lodges (see appendix).

Past Grand Master J. E. Wilhelm introduced a resolution (see Proceedings, pages 101 to 105, inclusive), which was made special order of business for Wednesday at 3 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Master announced that the entertainment by the children of the Home would take place at 2:30 p. m. today.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1916

### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9 o'clock a. m., and printed Proceedings of preceding session distributed.

Grand Marshal, being unable to attend this session of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master appointed Chas. A. McMillan to fill the vacancy.

Past Grand Master Wilhelm's resolution to furnish assistant to the Grand Tiler was adopted.

Brother A. A. Ranshaw, Committee on Necrology, made report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 108 and 109).

Grand Lodge was addressed by Dan S. McMillen, Grand Master of Texas.

Brother Spencer offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Resolved, That Section 15 of the Constitution be amended by adding at the end of the section the words: 'Except the office of Grand Chaplain, which may be filled by any minister who is affiliated with some subordinate lodge in the state'."

Brother Stahel offered a resolution requiring the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to adopt a uniform receipt card. Adopted.

Past Grand Master James Garnett made report for Educational Trustees of the Grand Lodge (see Proceedings, pages 110 to 115, inclusive), the same being referred to the Finance Committee. This report included one from S. P. Browning, for the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Knights Templar (see Proceedings, pages 115 to 120, inclusive).

Brother Fred Drexler subscribed \$100 per year for three years to the Educational Committee, and Brother W. E. Morrow pledged \$300 per year for four years to the same.

Brother Charles A. Wilson introduced resolutions, which were adopted, in appreciation of the interest taken by lodges and individuals in assisting wards of the Home and requesting that a tablet announcing the same be placed in the Home Chapel (see Proceedings, page 121).

Brother E. B. Dunkie introduced the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Resolved, That Regulation No. 68, which provides that 'no lodge shall on any pretense make more than five new brothers on any one day, unless by dispensation,' be and the same is hereby repealed and held for naught."

Brother Henry Pirtle, for Committee on Credentials, made report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 121, 122 and 123).

Historical Committee made report and was granted further time.

The following officers were elected: James N. Saunders, Grand Master; E. W. Weathers, Deputy Grand Master; Wm. Carson Black, Grand Senior Warden; Henry S. McElroy, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer; Dave Jackson, Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Master B. G. Witt addressed the Grand Lodge on Masonic War Relief Association and its purposes.

Brother F. G. Ott, of Committee on By-Laws, made report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 124 and 125).

Past Grand Master Veach made report for Trustees of the Masonic Temple (see Proceedings, pages 125 to 129, inclusive), the same being referred to the Finance Committee.

Brother Fred Hardwick made report for Special Committee on Masonic Temple, which was received and ordered filed and the committee continued.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment till 2 o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock.

Brother A. H. Bryant, of Committee on Lodges U. D., made report (see Proceedings, pages 130 and 131), the same being adopted.

Past Grand Master Cowles offered resolution, adopted by rising vote, as follows:

"Whereas, Our beloved Past Grand Master, Thomas S. Pettit, and our honored Grand Senior Warden, Earl W. Weathers, are in attendance as grooms, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky extend to these brothers the congratulations of the Masons of Kentucky, with the hope that they will enjoy life, health and happiness for many years."

Brother C. N. Smith submitted the following, which was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence:

"The Grand Secretary shall be paid a salary of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) for his services per annum. To strike out the fifteen hundred dollars and insert instead two thousand dollars (\$2,000), which shall be the salary of the Grand Secretary, for which sum he shall be required to devote his whole time to the duties of the office."

Brother Henry Pirtle offered resolutions relative to permanent body for trial charges of Masonic offenses (see Proceedings, pages 133 to 138, inclusive), which were referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

#### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1916

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9 o'clock a. m.

Brother Henry Pirtle introduced a resolution that a commission of five members of this Grand Lodge be appointed by the Grand Master to arrange for the celebration of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England.

Brother Fred J. Mayer, chairman of the Committee on Finance, made extensive report (see Proceedings, pages 139 to 144, inclusive), which report was adopted.

Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware introduced a resolution (see Proceedings, pages 144 and 145), providing a commission

to effect a sale of Masonic Temple. Said resolution was adopted unanimously.

Brother A. P. Wilson introduced a resolution, which was referred to Jurisprudence Committee, providing for the election of officers to vacancies in subordinate lodges.

Brother G. W. Tanner, for Committee on Appeals, made report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 145, 146 and 147).

Past Grand Master Joe H. Ewalt, chairman of Committee on Our Homes, presented his report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, page 147).

Past Grand Master Owen D. Thomas and Brother Isaac T. Woodson were appointed a committee to call on Past Grand Master J. W. Hopper, now confined in a hospital, and express to him the love and affection of the members of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Wilhelm offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home be and are hereby requested to have the alphabetical list of beneficiaries or wards at the Home, that is published in their annual reports, compared with the official records, and all errors in names, lodges and dates therein corrected."

Gainesville Lodge was given further time to make settlement, with fines remitted.

Past Grand Master Peak submitted report of Committee on Jurisprudence (see Proceedings, pages 149, 150 and 151), and the same was adopted.

Past Grand Master Clarke submitted the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Resolved, That Section 51 of the Constitution be amended by adding immediately after words 'and amendments thereto' the words 'except amendments to By-Laws changing time and date of communications of lodges,' so that the first sentence of said section shall read: 'The Committee on By-Laws shall examine the By-Laws and amendments thereto, except amendments to the By-Laws changing the time and date of communications of lodges.'"

Committee on Visitors made short report.

The Grand Secretary was requested to write the Grand Master of Texas for a copy of his address for publication in the minutes of this communication. Said address appears in Proceedings, pages 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Brother S. S. Pinney offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That each member of Bath Lodge No. 55, the lodge with which Brother John A. Ramsey, Grand Master in

1900, was affiliated, be entitled to receive one of the medals which were provided in commemoration of the centennial year of the Grand Lodge."

Past Grand Master Peak submitted the following supplemental report:

"The resolution offered by Past Grand Master Clarke, amending Section 51 of the Constitution, we recommend shall lie over until the next regular meeting of the Grand Lodge. The resolution offered by Brother Dunkie, to repeal Regulation No. 68, referred to this committee, be not adopted."

Grand Senior Warden Weathers moved that the Grand Lodge make a deed to the property of Fairview Lodge No. 214 to Brother C. B. Brewer. Motion carried.

Past Grand Master and Mrs. Charles H. Fisk were extended congratulations on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

Grand Secretary Dave Jackson announced the appointment of Alex M. Woodruff as his assistant.

Past Grand Master Gerard installed the following officers: James N. Saunders, Grand Master; Earl W. Weathers, Deputy Grand Master; Wm. Carson Black, Grand Senior Warden; Henry S. McElroy, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer; Stephen B. Lander, Grand Chaplain; T. W. Pennington, Grand Senior Deacon; Luther Johnson, Grand Junior Deacon; James R. Rogers, Grand Marshal; Aaron A. Sharp, Grand Sword Bearer; S. P. Stephenson, Grand Pursuivant; Charles A. Gipe, Grand Tiler.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to forward expressions of sympathy and sorrow to Brother James R. Rogers, Grand Marshal, under seal of Grand Lodge, because of illness.

Past Grand Master Gerard, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented retiring Grand Master T. J. Adams with past grand master's jewel.

Grand Master Saunders appointed the following standing committees to serve during the year:

Appeals—H. H. Holeman, Neville S. Bullitt and H. K. Herndon.

By-Laws—John N. Turner, Guy A. Hardin and Joseph C. Jones.

Credentials—Walter O. Hopper, W. H. Tritt and Wm. R. Johnston.

Finance—Robert R. Burnam, Will Ward Duffield and Sam P. Browning.

Jurisprudence—Wm. C. McChord, John W. Brown and John C. Worsham.

Lodges U. D.—Thos. C. Delvaux, Henry Schuerman and Thos. P. Posey.

Necrology—G. Allison Holland.

Our Homes—Sam W. Bates, Rudolph H. Blain and Hugh Moore.

Doings of Other Grand Lodges—Wm. W. Clarke.

Visitors—Mason P. Brown, Q. R. Jones and Robt. Lee Mar-riman.

Trustees Masonic Temple—Sam K. Veach, Robt. E. Woods, Charles N. Smith, John M. Scott and W. B. Trumbo.

Biography—James E. Wilhelm.

Educational Trustees—E. R. Dillehay, Henry P. Barret, S. P. Browning, James Garnett and George Colvin.

Past Grand Master Owen D. Thomas offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are now extended to our retiring Grand Master, Brother T. J. Adams, for the untiring energy shown during the past year in filling the exalted station of Grand Master; in the beautiful ritual work he has so ably exemplified in so many lodges; for his greatness of brain and goodness of heart. May the coming years bring to him the blessings he so justly deserves from the Great Architect above."

Grand Master Saunders delivered a short address (see Proceedings, page 156), following which he was presented a floral tribute from Lincoln Lodge No. 60.

On motion of Past Grand Master Adams the report of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home is to be included in the Proceedings.

Lodges Nos. 381, 624, 684, 694, 738, 773, 869 and 871 failed to answer final roll call.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 12:30 o'clock p. m.

JAMES N. SAUNDERS, Grand Master.  
DAVE JACKSON, Grand Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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James Newton  
Saunders

1917

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Born 1864—Died 1934

Pleasure, rather than literary or journalistic ability directed us in our effort to give a short, and at least partially accurate portrayal of Past Grand Master James Newton Saunders.

He was born April 2, 1864, near Springfield, Kentucky. His father was the Rev. Miles Saunders, who for a period of thirty-six years was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Springfield. His mother was Margaret Booker Saunders, daughter of Paul J. Booker, for many years Circuit Court Judge, and a granddaughter of Samuel Booker, Captain of a Virginia troop in the war of 1861. His early scholastic training was obtained at Covington Institute, Springfield, and his classical education at Central University and Westminster College.

Saturday, April 13, 1889, his petition for initiation was presented Springfield Lodge. Saturday, May 18, 1889, he received the Entered Apprentice degree; Saturday, June 15, the Fellow Craft degree, and Saturday, July 13, the Master Mason degree.

February 11, 1895, he demitted from Springfield Lodge, and April 1, the same year, placed his demit and petition for affiliation in Lincoln Lodge No. 60, and was admitted to membership May 6, 1895. December of that year he was elected Senior Warden and in 1896 he was elected Master and served three consecutive years in that capacity.

October 16, 1899, Lincoln Lodge forfeited its charter, and on September 3, 1903, he was received into the membership of Franklin Lodge No. 28. October 4, 1906, he demitted from Franklin Lodge, and October 16, 1907, presented to the Grand Lodge a petition for recharter of Lincoln Lodge No. 60. The charter was granted, and he was named Senior Warden therein and was installed December 26, 1907; and in 1908 he was elected Master, made Senior Deacon in 1909, elected Secretary in 1910, and in 1911 was again made Senior Deacon.

At the session of the Grand Lodge in 1911 he presented to that body, in manuscript, for its approval, a Masonic Monitor written by him, and concerning which the Grand Master in his Annual Address, said: "It combines beauty and grace of diction with originality of arrangement. He has so interwoven the old with the new verbiage that the work is a thing of beauty." The manuscript was referred to a special committee, which reported: "We find the same to be a splendid exposition and interpretation of the lessons and ceremonies presented, and the presentation

of them made in the attractive, scholarly way that renders the compilation a valuable one for the use of the Craft. We recommend this report be received and adopted as the expression of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., which was done.

On October 7, 1912, he was elected an honorary member of Springfield Lodge No. 50. On December 21, 1917, he was elected an honorary member of Lexington Lodge No. 1.

In October, 1913, he presented and secured by the Grand Lodge the passage of a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee of three to compile the unwritten history of the subordinate lodges of the state. He was made chairman of the committee. His associates entrusted the whole matter to him, and, after four years of persistent, gratuitous labor, he presented the finished work to the Grand Lodge in two six-hundred-page typewritten volumes.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky elected him Grand Junior Warden in 1913, and was regularly advanced to the station of Grand Master in 1916. As Grand Master he took active interest in the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and in his Annual Address suggested some radical changes in the conduct of the Institution along the lines of advanced thought and improved methods in the conduct of homes for dependent children.

While a citizen of Washington County he was elected a member of the State Legislature, where he distinguished himself as an orator and legislator. After removing to Stanford, and upon the enactment of the National Bankruptcy Law, he was appointed one of the referees in bankruptcy, which position he held and ably filled for fourteen years under appointments from three different Federal Court Judges, from all of whom he differed in his political views. He was designated a number of times as Special Judge by the Governor of Kentucky in different Circuit Courts for the trial of civil cases, and always filled such position with the dignity of the learned lawyer that he was, and with fairness and justice to all concerned. He had a comfortable home and a happy family—himself, his accomplished wife and beautiful daughter. He possessed a splendid and well-selected library—literary, professional and Masonic. He eschewed political office, loved his family and home, was true to his friends, devoted to our noble Order, and never failed to attend all meetings of his lodge, and seldom failed to attend Grand Lodge.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1934, Brother Saunders was struck by an automobile in Stanford, and fatally injured, dying one week later, Wednesday, November 7, 1934. He was buried in the cemetery at Springfield, Ky., with Masonic honors, with Springfield Lodge in charge, Brother William Hagan officiating.

## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1917

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was held in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, and was opened in ample form at 10 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, October 16, 1917. The following officers were present and occupying their regular stations:

James N. Saunders .....	Grand Master
Earl W. Weathers .....	Deputy Grand Master
Wm. Carson Black .....	Grand Senior Warden
Henry S. McElroy .....	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers .....	Grand Treasurer
Dave Jackson .....	Grand Secretary
Alex. M. Woodruff .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Stephen B. Lander .....	Grand Chaplain
T. W. Pennington .....	Grand Senior Deacon
Luther Johnson .....	Grand Junior Deacon
P. G. Smoot .....	Grand Marshal
Aaron A. Sharp .....	Grand Sword Bearer
Stanley B. Stephenson .....	Grand Pursuivant
Charles A. Gipe .....	Grand Tiler

Twenty-two past grand masters and 75 past masters registered in the Grand Secretary's office. There were 590 subordinate lodges on the roster and it seems there was a representative present from each of them.

Brother Isaac T. Woodson presented Grand Lodge a beautiful American flag, which was duly accepted by the Grand Master.

Grand Master Saunders delivered his address, which was by motion, distributed to the proper committees.

In opening, he said: "During my incumbency I have been called upon to consider and answer over 1,500 letters. If the Craft would read the Constitution and Regulations, this growing disposition to appeal to the Grand Master for information, which is within their reach as well as his, would relieve him of a great volume of work!"

He regretfully reported the deaths of three past grand masters, viz.: W. H. Meffert, James W. Hopper and Howard R. French. This country being at war and thousands of members of the Craft in the army, the Grand Master recommended that Grand Lodge send to the American Red Cross the sum of \$2,000 to be spent in relief work for American soldiers and sailors. He recommended that the Constitutional amendment to increase the salary of the Grand Secretary, coming up for action at this session, be tabled. Speaking of the Widows and Orphans' Home, he said: "The object of our Orphans' Home is the upbuilding of a high order of manhood and womanhood, the bestowal of that training and development that will fit each and every child for useful life in the community from which it comes, and to which, in the ordinary course of events, with rare exceptions, is to return; to make them self-reliant men and women, of good character, who can and will unflinchingly face the tragedies of life, bravely discharge every duty and perform well the work which their several stations shall assign them."

Continuing, he said: "The Directors of the Home have been, and are, men loyal to the trust imposed—men of fine ability and of absolute integrity, zealous in their love for the best interests of the institution and the dependent wards therein gathered. They have done the best they could—no man can do more. If they have done less than should have been accomplished, and this is true, it is not the fault of the men of that Board of Directors, but it is due us who have forged the fetters placed upon them."

Sixteen officers of the First Kentucky Infantry, Army of the U. S. A., petitioned the Grand Master for a dispensation to organize an army lodge to meet at or near the military stations of said regiment of the United States Army, and there perform the duties and enjoy the privileges of Masonry.

The following names appeared on the petition: William A. Colston, 376; I. L. Shulhafer, 239; Harris Mallenckrodt, 31, North Carolina; C. V. Williams, 633; F. J. Hardesty, 282; J. C. Barnes, 292; Ben F. Ewing, 400; George M. Cheschier, 400; Dan Carrell, 760; Walter Byrne, Jr., 17; H. F. Rives, 5; F. S. Wright, 5; Ellis Duncan, 760; Thompson Short, 1; Hubert E. Royalty, 67; Ben F. Offutt, 281.

The petition received Grand Master Saunders' approval and the dispensation was granted. He designated Hubert E. Royalty, Master; I. L. Shulhafer, Senior Warden, and William A. Colston, Junior Warden, of W. A. Colston Army Lodge. "On August 27, 1917, at Regimental Headquarters of the One Hundred and Fifty-ninth United States Infantry, at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky., with the assistance of the officers of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in the presence of most of the past grand masters of this Grand Lodge and a large company of distinguished Masons from different parts of the state, I opened W. A. Colston Army Lodge and installed the officers thereof."

A petition, signed by 18 officers and privates of the Second Kentucky Infantry, requesting dispensation for the establishment of an army lodge, was received by Grand Master, and promptly granted. The petition was signed by the following: 1st Lieut. J. M. Harper, No. 144; Capt. K. B. Wise, No. 879; 1st Lieut. Ena W. Walker, No. 731; Capt. George W. Jenkins, No. 754; 1st Lieut. Archie Cope, No. 649; 1st Lieut. Ura W. Bryant, No. 743; 1st Lieut. Carter D. Stamper, No. 213; 1st Lieut. Hiram Hogg, Jr., No. 425; Capt. R. J. H. Spurr, No. 1; Capt. F. W. Staples, No. 1; Major Robert W. Jones, No. 1; Sergt. James Bowling, No. 838; Cook Henry Evans, No. 684; Corporal Charles Barker, No. 684; Robert Stone, No. 684; W. O. Bradley, No. 684; Fred M. Curtis, No. 111; Sergt. John M. Bartley, No. 754.

The Grand Master designated the lodge Kentucky Rifle Lodge, jurisdiction not territorial, membership limited to residents of Kentucky in U. S. service with the Second Kentucky Infantry. On September 25, 1917," said the Grand Master, "upon a high hill, in the open, overlooking Camp Stanley, near Lexington, Ky., guarded by military pickets, who stood out of sight and hearing, and carefully tiled by two Master Masons, I opened Kentucky Rifle Lodge, U. D., installed its Master and Wardens, and, upon their appointment and election by the lodge, installed the remaining officers."

The officers were: Major Robert W. Jones, Master; 1st Lieut. Joseph M. Harper, Senior Warden; Capt. B. Keith Wise, Junior Warden.

Grand Treasurer John H. Leathers presented his report, which, on motion, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Receipts were .....	\$208,531.83
Disbursements .....	110,563.50
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>\$ 97,968.33</b>

Dave Jackson, Grand Secretary, presented his report which was accepted, and, on motion, referred to the proper committees. Speaking of lodge membership, he said: "Increase in membership of the lodges, as reported up to the close of the fiscal year, is 1,666, and total in the state, 46,046. The gain for 1917 is 616 more than that of 1916. The amount of dues and assessments received up to that date is \$99,984.55, which includes the payment of 20 belated lodges last year, but does not include the amount received since September 30."

Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm offered the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to immediately communicate with Major General Harry C. Hale, commanding officer of Camp Zachary Taylor, and request him to grant the members of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky the privilege of visiting the camp Thursday afternoon; and if the request be granted, that he kindly furnish the Grand Secretary 1,000 passes, to be distributed to the members of this body and their families or guests."

Past Grand Master Sam K. Veach announced that the entertainment by the children of the Home would take place at 2:30 p. m., today.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1917

### MORNING SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock a. m. The printed minutes of Tuesday's proceedings were distributed, the reading being dispensed with.

The following card was read by the Grand Master:

October 17, 1917.

Hon. James N. Saunders,  
Grand Master of the  
Grand Lodge of Kentucky:

"The undersigned were delegated at the annual reunion last night of old Masonic Home boys and girls, making up the organization known as the Masonic Home Alumnae Guild, to convey to you and through you to the Grand Lodge the endorsement of the plan for a new Masonic Home on the cottage sys-

tem, and pledging their 'widow's mite' of \$50.00 for the next five years toward the fund for that purpose."

John Brooks,  
Nora Kirch,  
Committee.

The following resolution, by Brother W. H. Tritt, was adopted by a rising vote:

"Resolved, That the sympathy of the Craft in Kentucky be extended to our Grand Senior Warden, Brother William Carson Black, in his recent bereavement, the loss of his wife, who was one of the most beautiful Christian characters in Kentucky."

The following resolution by Past Master George A. Lewis was adopted:

"Whereas, Many young Craftsmen have enlisted in the Army and Navy of the United States, and are going forth to risk their lives in the cause of justice, liberty and humanity, and almost without exception the lodges of which said Craftsmen are members have remitted all dues which would otherwise be charged against them during their term of service, therefore be it

"Resolved, That all lodges which have remitted the dues of such of their members as have gone forth to battle for God and humanity in the terrible war now being waged against civilization be relieved of the payment of dues and assessments to this Grand Body upon such members, and that the Grand Secretary be required to attest the legality of all such lodges upon certificates they may issue to their soldier or sailor members without charge."

Brother W. H. Tritt, for the Credentials Committee, made a report which was adopted.

The report of the Educational Trustees was read by Past Grand Master James Garnett, and referred to the Finance Committee.

Past Grand Master H. P. Barret offered the following, which was amended by Past Grand Master Garnett, and adopted by a rising vote:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in Annual Communication assembled, heartily commends the patriotic, broadminded and statesmanlike course of Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, in defense of all those principles so dear to the hearts of all good Americans and for which the Masonic Order has in all ages stood.

"Resolved, That we take pleasure in pledging him our unqualified loyalty and support so long as any enemy threatens the liberty, peace or happiness of this nation.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to President Wilson and a copy be spread on the minutes of this Grand Lodge."

Past Grand Master James Garnett offered the following amendment, which was accepted by Past Grand Master Barret:

"Many members of subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge are now in the ranks preparing to go into foreign fields to help sustain our free government and establish free government in Europe that the world may become free from military domination. These Masons will do their part in winning the great victory for free government, and their names should be placed on a roll of honor. Therefore be it

"Resolved, That sufficient space be set apart in the Proceedings to record the name of each brother now or who may hereafter join our army, the name and number of their lodge, the company and regiment to which they belong, and the secretary of each lodge will immediately report to the Grand Secretary these facts relative to each member of their respective lodge, and from the report so made the Grand Secretary will make up the roll of honor."

Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm moved that the Grand Secretary send a telegram of fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Seconded and carried.

Brother G. Allison Holland (1) made the report of the Committee on Necrology, which was adopted by a rising vote, followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain and song by a quartette.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke reported for the Committee on Doings of Other Grand Lodges, and the same was adopted. He recommended that Regulation No. 155, establishing non-intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, be repealed.

The following was offered by Brother Alfred E. Parsons (266), and referred to the Committee on Our Homes:

"Whereas, There now exists in the laws governing the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary of Kentucky, a rule which prohibits the acceptance and retaining of a Master Mason's widow who is afflicted with an incurable malady, other than dangerously communicable diseases, and who for this reason cannot entirely assist herself in conformity to the rule of the institution; and,

"Whereas, The prohibiting of admission to widows thus afflicted is an extremely deplorable condition and deserving of the earnest consideration of all fair-minded Masons, because of said afflicted widow needing the protecting arm of Masonry more than others in better physical condition, therefore be it

"Resolved, That Robinson Lodge No. 266, F. & A. M., respectfully petitions the Honorable Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky, at its next regular assembly, to take whatever action it deems best to provide suitable care and maintenance for such widows of Master Masons as hereinbefore described, who, by

reason of said affliction, are deprived of the right and privileges of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary."

Fraternally thine,

A. E. Parsons,

F. C. Roth,

John F. Herchenroeder,

George R. Peak,

Committee.

The following was offered by Brother J. H. Richmond (191), and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky hereby advises and instructs that in the use of all proxies, including the life memberships owned by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, relative to the election of Directors for the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, said proxies shall be held jointly by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer; and that a majority of above Grand Officers, after due conference, shall have authority to decide for whom said proxies shall be voted.

"Be It Further Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home shall not have in its directorate, at any one time, more than two members from the same lodge."

The Constitutional time for the election of officers having arrived, the Grand Lodge proceeded with this duty. The Grand Master appointed Brothers John A. Stiles (66), J. J. Roszell (1), Roy Johnson (87) and W. H. Tritt (190), tellers.

The following were elected: Earl W. Weathers (71), Grand Master; William Carson Black (187), Deputy Grand Master; Henry S. McElroy (87), Grand Senior Warden; Fred Acker (127), Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers (376), Grand Treasurer; Dave Jackson (144), Grand Secretary.

The following amendment was offered by Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware, and on his motion was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Be It Resolved, That Regulation 68, which reads as follows, 'No lodge shall on any pretense make more than five (5) new brothers in one day, unless by dispensation. This, however, refers to initiation and not to advancement,' be, and the same is, hereby repealed."

Brother Guy Johnson (1) submitted the report of special committee on Bi-Centennial, and it was referred to the Finance Committee.

Brother Henry Pirtle (400) offered the report of the Commission on Masonic Unity, which was referred to the Committee on Doings of Other Grand Lodges and the Finance Committee.

Past Grand Master George B. Winslow moved that 3 o'clock today be set as a time to consider the report of the Committee on Our Homes. Adopted.

Adjourned till 2 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2:30 p. m.

The following telegram from the Grand Lodge of Ohio was read:

Springfield, Ohio, Oct. 17, 1917.

Dave Jackson, Grand Secretary,  
Masonic Temple, Louisville, Ky.

Ohio sends greetings and good wishes.

J. H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary.

Past Master R. E. Woods, for the Board of Trustees of Masonic Temple, read their report, which was adopted.

Past Grand Master William C. McChord, for the Committee on Jurisprudence, read their report, which was adopted.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was adopted.

Grand Master James N. Saunders made a report of the Historical Committee and report of expense, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment till 9 o'clock tomorrow.

#### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1917

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock.

The printed Proceedings of the session of yesterday were distributed, the reading being dispensed with.

Past Grand Master William C. McChord submitted the final report of the Jurisprudence Committee, which was adopted.

Brother J. Bruce Davis made the report of Committee on Lodges U. D., which was adopted.

Rev. Arthur Mather, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, was introduced and received with Grand Honors. Brother Mather addressed the Grand Lodge.

Brother W. H. Bartholomew, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, O. E. S., presented the Grand Master with a beautiful basket of roses.

Past Grand Master William C. McChord offered the following, which was adopted:

"Whereas, The Rev. H. R. Coleman, for 35 years Grand Chaplain of this Grand Body, intends visiting the approaching session of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M., therefore

"Resolved, That our brother, the Rev. H. R. Coleman, be, and he is hereby, appointed to bear the fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to our sister Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia."

#### Report of Committee on Our Homes

Above committee made the following report:

To the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., and the Most Worshipful Grand Master, James N. Saunders:

Brethren:

Your Committee on "Our Homes" respectfully reports as follows:

First—Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, Louisville, Ky.

The management of the Home is exceptionally good, as generally known and recognized by everyone, to be most largely due to the prince of Superintendents, Brother Jeff. Adams, and his able assistants. We find ourselves unable to suggest any criticism or recommendation in regard to the management.

Second—Old Masons' Home, Shelbyville, Ky.

When visited, the walls about the front hall of the main building were considerably damaged and unsightly, apparently from an old leak in the roof. Attention was called to this, and it may have been corrected; but we venture to suggest to the committee in charge that defects in the building should be promptly corrected, which ordinarily can be done, when first discovered, at a nominal cost; but if suffered to go on, may involve much expense. The rest of the building was in a fairly good state of preservation, and evidenced good housekeeping in the kitchen, dining room and sleeping apartments.

We would respectfully suggest to the committee in charge, as a policy, that such inmates as are capable of making the exertion, be assigned to specific duties about the house and premises, at a reasonable wage. Many of those there, while advanced in years, are not infirm, and would doubtless welcome any light employment, such as looking after the lawn, the flowers and the garden, encouraging them to feel that they are not entirely useless, giving them a lively interest in the appearance and beauty of the Home, besides making them more healthy and contented with their surroundings. As matters stand, they seem to have nothing to do but sit around from morning until night, with no interest in anything and no diversion of any kind, making the time burdensome and wearisome in the extreme. We can but think that it would greatly add to the happiness to feel that they were co-workers with their brother Masons in sustaining and maintaining the beautiful Home established by the Craft for the comfort and benefit of all poor and worthy brother Master Masons.

Third—Your committee heartily approves the recommendation of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, James N. Saunders, in his annual address that the present system of providing for the orphans, which has outlasted its usefulness, be laid aside, and that the modern plan of the Community Cottage Home be established in its stead; and recommend that the resolution proposed directing the selection of directors favorable to the plan outlined be adopted. Hoping that this may be done,

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. Bates, Chairman,  
Randolph H. Blain,  
Hugh Moore,

Committee.

Past Grand Master George B. Winslow moved that all of above report except that part referring to the "Community Cottage Home" be approved, and that this section be referred to the incoming Committee on Our Homes. Carried.

Brother E. B. Beard made the report for the Committee on Appeals, which was adopted.

Past Grand Master William W. Clarke made the report of Doings of Other Grand Lodges, which was adopted.

Brother W. W. Duffield, of the Finance Committee, made their report, which was adopted.

#### Amendment to the Constitution

Past Grand Master Robert R. Burnam offered the following amendment, which was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for report next session:

"Resolved, That Section 45 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word 'ten,' and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'eleven,' so that said clause, when so amended, shall read: 'The Grand Master shall appoint eleven Standing Committees, as follows':

"Also by inserting at the end of said section, after the words 'a Committee on Visitors,' the words 'a Committee on Fines and Forfeitures,' and

Resolved, further, That the Constitution be amended by the insertion therein of a new section, as follows:

"Section 60. 'Fines and Forfeitures.' The Committee on Claims and Forfeitures shall examine all fines and forfeitures charged or assessed against lodges, the remission of which is sought, and report the same to the Grand Lodge, with their recommendation thereon."

Approved by Brother W. C. McChord, chairman of Jurisprudence Committee.

**Report of President of Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home**

Brother Fred J. Drexler made the following report, which, on motion of Past Grand Master Burnam, was referred to the Committee on Our Homes of next year:

To the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M.:

Brethren:

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Homes recommended that this Grand Lodge appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), to be used to better equip the building for safety, and urge you, brethren, at this time to provide in some way to raise the balance needed. Upon investigation we found that it would cost from \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 to install a proper fire sprinkler system; therefore, with the \$5,000.00 appropriated, we could not install the system. If the Grand Lodge is still of the opinion that such a system should be installed, we will gladly comply with its direction, provided it will furnish sufficient funds to pay for the same. We respectfully ask this Grand Lodge for directions.

Fraternally,

Fred J. Drexler, President.

Past Grand Master Robert R. Burnam offered the following, which was adopted as amended by Past Grand Master George B. Winslow:

"Whereas, The Grand Lodge has approved the plan proposed by the Grand Master to enlarge our Widows and Orphans' Home by establishing as auxiliary thereto a cottage system on a farm; and in order that the funds sufficient to carry out the plan may be secure, be it

"Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of four, the present Grand Master to be chairman of said committee, and said committee of five shall have full power to inaugurate a campaign to raise the necessary money to carry out said plan."

Amended by Past Grand Master Winslow, to restrict this committee to confer with the Directors of the Home on a plan, and report back at the next Annual Communication.

Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware offered the following amendment to the Constitution:

"Be It Resolved, That Section 147 of the Constitution be amended so that, when amended, said section shall read as follows:

"Every lodge shall annually pay to the Grand Secretary, as dues to the Grand Lodge, the sum of one dollar for every one who may be a member of the lodge at low twelve, August 31, except as provided in Sections 151 and 152; and except also when a lodge shall remit the dues of members in the active service of

the Army and Navy of the United States, while it shall be at war with a foreign enemy, then the Grand Lodge dues shall be likewise remitted. At the same time it shall also pay such other assessments as may be ordered by the Grand Lodge."

Approved by Brother W. C. McChord, chairman of Jurisprudence Committee.

Past Grand Master James N. Saunders installed the following officers: Earl W. Weathers (71), Grand Master; Wm. Carson Black (187), Deputy Grand Master; Henry S. McElroy (87), Grand Senior Warden; Fred Acker (127), Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers (376), Grand Treasurer; Rev. R. B. Grider (586), Grand Chaplain; J. S. Linebaugh (669), Grand Senior Deacon; T. P. Posey (238), Grand Junior Deacon; George B. Spencer (65), Grand Marshal; Henry R. Lawrence (121), Grand Sword Bearer; C. G. Moreland (371), Grand Pursuivant; Chas. A. Gipe (266), Grand Tiler.

Grand Master Earl W. Weathers was presented with a gold watch and chain by Rev. Brother Small from his brethren in Todd county.

Rt. Rev. Grand Chaplain Arthur Mather of Missouri presented the Grand Master with a small cubical stone which was taken from the ground floor of King Solomon's Temple.

Past Grand Master H. H. Holeman, on behalf of the Grand Secretary, presented a beautiful bouquet of American Beauty roses to the Grand Master.

The Grand Master appropriately acknowledged all of the above.

The Grand Master announced the following committees:

Committee on Appeals—Perry B. Miller, Morganfield Lodge No. 66; T. W. Sweatt, Cassia Lodge No. 272; T. W. Pennington, Lincoln Lodge No. 60.

Committee on By-Laws—G. Allison Holland, Lexington Lodge No. 1; J. N. Renaker, Winchester Lodge No. 20; R. W. Cole, Mountain Lodge No. 187.

Committee on Jurisprudence—John J. Howe, Carrollton Lodge No. 134; John C. Worsham, Jerusalem Lodge No. 9; W. R. Wood, Vesper Lodge No. 71.

Committee on Lodges U. D.—Alfred H. Bryant, Col. Clay Lodge No. 159; J. R. Garnett, Columbia Lodge No. 96; L. W. Guthrie, Hopkinsville Lodge No. 37.

Committee on Necrology—John G. Orndorff, Russellville Lodge No. 17.

Committee on Our Homes—R. F. Peak, Bedford Lodge No. 158; George C. Atkinson, E. W. Turner Lodge No. 548; W. H. Tritt, Suwanee Lodge No. 190.

Committee on Doings of Other Grand Lodges—W. W. Clarke, Owensboro Lodge No. 130.

Committee on Visitors—Robert E. Staton, Brooksville Lodge No. 154; T. V. T. Baker, Floral Lodge No. 748; J. C. Bronaugh, Bethel Lodge No. 204.

Committee on Finance—Fred W. Hardwick, Louisville Lodge No. 400; J. W. Ireland, Henry Barnes Lodge No. 607; J. T. Hourigan, Lebanon Lodge No. 87.

Committee on Credentials—R. M. Wheat, Kelsey Lodge No. 659; H. H. King, Corydon Lodge No. 799; C. W. Turner, Simpson Benevolent Lodge No. 177.

Committee on Biography of Retiring Grand Master—John W. Brown, Ashland Lodge No. 640.

Trustees of Masonic Temple—Robert E. Woods, Louisville Lodge No. 400, to serve one year; Charles N. Smith, Franklin Lodge No. 28, to serve two years; B. A. Duerson, Falls City Lodge No. 376, to serve three years; William B. Trumbo, Jr., Preston Lodge No. 281, to serve four years; Charles S. Nahm, Bowling Green Lodge No. 73, to serve five years.

Trustees of Educational Fund—Henry P. Barret, Jerusalem Lodge No. 9, to serve one year; S. P. Browning, Maysville Lodge No. 52, to serve two years; James Garnett, Columbia Lodge No. 96, to serve three years; George Colvin, Springfield Lodge No. 50, to serve four years; Ed. R. Dillehay, Franklin Lodge No. 28, to serve five years.

Commission of Masonic Unity—Henry Pirtle, Louisville Lodge No. 400, chairman; W. W. Clarke, Owensboro Lodge No. 130; A. M. Hughes, Apperson Lodge No. 195.

The Grand Secretary announced the appointment of Brother Alex. M. Woodruff as Assistant Grand Secretary, which appointment was approved by the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Henry P. Barret moved that the Rev. Brothers Small and Mather be requested to furnish copies of their speeches and same be published in the Proceedings of this session.

Deputy Grand Master James D. Black offered the following, which was adopted:

"Whereas, Our distinguished and beloved fellow citizen and brother, Past Grand Master Virgil P. Smith, this day in the city of Louisville, underwent an anesthetic operation of more or less severe importance; and

"Whereas, In order to show the appreciation and unselfish devotion that Brother Smith has always taken in the principles of Masonry and love for our brotherhood, be it therefore

"Resolved, That this Grand Body, through the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, extend our heartfelt sympathy and timely interest in his misfortune; that we pray for his speedy recovery, and further extend our sympathy to Brother Smith in the form

of a bouquet of flowers, same to be purchased out of funds of this Grand Lodge not otherwise appropriated."

Past Grand Master William W. Clarke offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky are due and are hereby sincerely tendered Past Grand Master J. N. Saunders for the faithful, diligent and conscientious discharge of the difficult and arduous duties of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; and that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky expresses the hope and voices its prayer that many years of happiness may be spared him, years of usefulness and service to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky."

The Grand Secretary presented Past Grand Master Saunders with a past grand master's jewel on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

Moved and seconded that the Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Kentucky, be given a vote of thanks for the floral offering to the Grand Lodge. Carried.

The roll of lodges was called. The representatives of the following lodges did not respond: Nos. 47, 105, 288, 390, 406, 443, 461, 475, 513, 567, 690, 708, 834, 868.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was closed in ample form at 1:15 o'clock p. m.

EARL W. WEATHERS, Grand Master.  
DAVE JACKSON, Grand Secretary.

The following are the resolutions adopted at this session (1917) of Grand Lodge:

"That all Standing Committees should present reports in printed form on the first day of the Grand Lodge, that the members thereof may understand what is to be before the body." (Proceedings, 1917, pages 20, 107.)

"That all resolutions requiring the expenditure of \$100 or more shall, on the first day of the Grand Lodge and at no other time, except by vote of two-thirds of all representatives entitled to vote, be presented in writing and without debate referred to the Finance Committee, which shall report promptly thereon to the Grand Lodge." (Proceedings, 1917, page 121.)

"That prior to each annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer should jointly make a financial budget showing in the aggregate all money of the Grand Lodge on hand, all moneys due to it and unpaid, what collectible and uncollectible, the stated and probable income of the Grand Lodge for the twelve months succeeding the adjournment of the approaching communication, together with an aggregate statement of the stated and probable expense and prescribed outlay of money for said period, which budget, signed by each of them, should, on the convocation of

the Grand Lodge, be given to the chairman of the Committee on Finance." (Proceedings, 1917, pages 18, 121.)

"That in the future no resolution passed by this Grand Body shall be construed as carrying with it an appropriation, unless the same is specifically set forth in the body of the resolution and approved by this Grand Lodge." (Proceedings, 1917, page 121.)

"That a Mason made in a just and lawfully-constituted lodge may visit lodges of a jurisdiction other than his own, provided the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over the lodge he proposes to visit has issued no edict of non-intercourse against the Grand Lodge to which the lodge of his membership owes obedience; and

"Conversely, a Mason made in a lodge duly constituted by a Grand Lodge may visit lodges of another jurisdiction, provided the Grand Lodge to which the lodge of his membership owes obedience has issued no edict of non-intercourse against the Grand Lodge to which the lodge he proposes to visit owes obedience." (Proceedings, 1917, page 118.)

## ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Earl Worthington  
Weathers

1918

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Born 1882—Died 1925

Earl Worthington Weathers was born in Elkton, Todd county, Kentucky, March 19, 1882, son of E. B. Weathers, Sr., and Lula Terry Weathers, both of whom were of the same community. In 1906 he was married to Miss Belle Reeves who died shortly after bearing a son. On October 15, 1916, he married Miss Florence Hampton and to them a daughter was born. He received his education in the public school at Elkton and later graduated from the Vanderbilt Training School located in the same city. He was graduated from Louisville Medical College in 1905 and practiced medicine in his home town where he gained a lucrative and successful practice. His Masonic record follows: Initiated March 6, 1906; passed April 3, 1906; raised June 5, 1906, in Vesper Lodge No. 71, at Elkton, Ky., with which he had been continuously affiliated. He was elected Master of his lodge December 27, 1907, and again on December 27, 1912, and served both terms in very efficient manner. He received all the Capitular degrees in Oriental Chapter No. 14, Royal Arch Masons, in Hopkinsville, Ky. He demitted from this chapter in August, 1910, in order to become a charter member of Elkton Chapter No. 33, where he served as its first High Priest. He received the Cryptic degrees in Louisville Council No. 4, was dubbed a Sir Knight in Moore Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, Hopkinsville, Ky. He was made a noble of the Mystic Shrine in Rizpah Temple, Madisonville, Ky. He was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky at its session October, 1914, and regularly advanced to the Grand Master's station in 1917. He served in the World War as a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps. Brother Weathers bears the distinction of being the only person who ever presided over the Grand Lodge of Kentucky wearing the full uniform of an officer of the United States Army. He made one of the best presiding officers who ever wielded the Grand Master's gavel. His every act, as the occasion demanded, displayed a dignity, ability and firmness, and yet withal a knightly courtesy so highly pleasing to those who must be subjected to authority for a season. The Honors so justly due him in nowise "turned his head."

Brother Weathers lost his life, the result of an automobile accident, November 21, 1925, near his home in Elkton, Ky. He was laid to rest with full Masonic honors by the brothers of Vesper Lodge.

## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1918

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was held in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, commencing Tuesday, December 10, 1918, and opened in ample form on the Master Mason's degree at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

(Note—For reason of change of date see Acting Grand Master Black's explanation, on pages 28 and 29 of Proceedings.)

The following officers were present:

Earl W. Weathers	Grand Master
Wm. Carson Black	Deputy Grand Master
Henry S. McElroy	Grand Senior Warden
Fred Acker	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers	Grand Treasurer
Dave Jackson	Grand Secretary
Alex M. Woodruff	Assistant Grand Secretary
Rev. R. B. Grider	Grand Chaplain
J. S. Linebaugh	Grand Senior Deacon
Thos. B. Posey	Grand Junior Deacon
George B. Spencer	Grand Marshal
Harry R. Lawrence	Grand Sword Bearer
C. G. Moreland	Grand Pursuivant
H. R. Kendall	Grand Tiler

Twenty-four of the twenty-six past grand masters were in attendance, also 440 accredited representatives.

Grand Master Weathers presented Past Grand Master John H. Leathers as the oldest past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and then delivered his address, from which the following is extracted:

"We are assembled in this communication of our Grand Body in order that we may consider the work of the year now closing, and that we may employ ourselves in seeking to find the things that are of best interest to the Craft in the future. Will you permit me at this time again to express to you my sincere thanks and appreciation for the high honor you conferred on me one year ago in electing me Grand Master? The work of the year has been of great pleasure and benefit to me and I shall always cherish the friendship of the splendid men of Kentucky which has been brought about by Masonic associations. I have earnestly endeavored during the year to render the best service possible, and while I am fully conscious that mistakes have been made, I beg to assure you that they were of the head and not of the heart, and while you consider my efforts, I ask for that broad charity which characterizes every Mason. We are to be congratulated that general peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the entire jurisdiction and

that there has been a large increase in membership during the year."

On October 25, 1917, the Grand Treasurer renewed bond and the same was filed.

On January 7, 1918, in Falls City Lodge No. 376, the Grand Secretary was installed by Past Grand Master John H. Leathers, acting as proxy of the Grand Master. The Grand Master recommended that the Grand Secretary's salary be fixed at \$2,500.

On Thursday, May 30, 1918, Grand Tiler Charles A. Gipe was called to his reward (see Proceedings, page 13).

The Grand Master further stated: "In December, 1917, I was invited by Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, to be present at a meeting of Fraternal Orders of the United States at Washington, D. C. I was unable to attend this meeting, and at my request Past Grand Master John H. Cowles represented the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. The meeting was for the purpose of considering ways and means of assisting the government in prosecuting the war. The Grand Lodge was pledged to assist in every way possible."

The Grand Master was denied the pleasure of attending the annual meeting of the association which met in Alexandria, Va., in February, and asked Past Grand Master Cowles to represent him, which request was kindly granted. The objects of this association having been fully explained, the Grand Master recommended an additional subscription of \$2,000.

During the year the Grand Master granted 18 dispensations to lodges for various purposes, and refused 79 requests. A large number of the requests refused were for conferring degrees on soldiers. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky plainly denies this right to the Grand Master (see Proceedings, pages 15, 16, 17 and 18).

A very large number of requests made of other jurisdictions and received from other jurisdictions to confer degrees and for waivers of jurisdiction were necessary and all were fraternally complied with.

Membership of Camp Knox Lodge No. 687, having been reduced to seven members, surrendered its charter October 18, 1917.

On December 8, 1917, the charter of McHenry Lodge No. 800 was restored.

On February 2, 1918, the charter of Maceo Lodge No. 823 was arrested for non-payment of dues and assessments.

Dispensations were granted for the following lodges U. D. to be set to work: Mowbray & Robinson at Quicksand, Dripping Springs, Wheelwright, Stone, Equality and Gleanings. The first named was requested to select another name.

The Grand Master appointed Joseph E. Longstreet as official stenographer for the Grand Lodge this session, and recommended each Grand Master to employ an official reporter.

Three decisions were rendered (see Proceedings, pages 20 and 21).

The Grand Master regretted that he had been unable to visit more lodges than he had.

After full investigation the master of Fields Lodge was not required to respond to charges.

Filling the vacancy caused by the death of Grand Tiler Charles A. Gipe, the Grand Master appointed Harry R. Kendall of Shibboleth Lodge No. 750.

Past Grand Master Henry Barret resigned as a member of the Educational Trustees, and Brother J. H. Richmond, of Lewis Lodge No. 191, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

St. John's Day League raised \$11,218.40 to be used for the benefit of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home.

A special committee appointed to consider the proposition of giving the Masonic Temple to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, composed of Past Grand Master John H. Leathers, C. N. Smith and W. B. Trumbo, Jr., who were to report a plan.

Reviewed the operation of the Old Masons' Home and the Widows and Orphans' Home (see Proceedings, pages 22, 23 and 24).

Begged for support of the Masonic Home Journal.

Appointed Brother Benhard Bernstein as expert accountant to examine books of Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Trustees of Masonic Temple. Approximately \$4,100 was in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, therefore, the Grand Master drew a warrant for \$5,000 payable to the Trustees of the Educational Committee.

On October 4, 1918, \$5,000 was subscribed to Fourth Liberty Loan in the name of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

In conclusion, the Grand Master referred to the important matter of the World War, and hoped Kentucky would do its full part in preserving the democracy of the world.

The Grand Master's address was distributed and referred to proper committees.

Deputy Grand Master Wm. Carson Black made his report (see Proceedings, pages 27 and 28).

Brother W. M. Jackson of Pitman Lodge No. 124 was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the Educational Fund, to succeed George Colvin, resigned.

The official staff of Grand Officers changed the date of meeting of the Grand Lodge, on account of the flu epidemic, from the third Tuesday in October to December 10, 1918, and in

November 16, communication was mailed to officers and members notifying them of date of meeting (see Proceedings, pages 28 and 29, and quoting Section 10 of the Constitution).

Newport Lodge No. 358 was granted a dispensation to elect officers and transact business on December 26, instead of 25, as provided by its by-laws.

Considered the advisability of meeting with grand masters of other jurisdictions at Grand Rapids, Iowa, relative to an organization to provide assistance to brothers in the United States Army, and appointed Brother Fred W. Hardwick to represent Kentucky.

Carrollton Lodge's petition relating to George M. Tharp's application was reviewed and approved (see Proceedings, pages 30 and 31).

Warrants were issued and paid to the amount of \$2,700 (see Proceedings, page 31).

Past Grand Master James N. Saunders introduced the following resolution, which was adopted by rising vote:

"This Grand Lodge may congratulate itself that in our Senior Past Grand Master (John H. Leathers) we still have in active participation with us in our work a man whose purity of private life is an inspiration to us all; one upon the wisdom of whose counsel we can always rely with safety; a man who is known and loved by more Kentuckians than any other man in this great Commonwealth, and who has been content with private unofficial life. As evidence of our unaffected love for him we, standing, express to him the prayer that is in our hearts for his further length of life, for his temporal happiness and his eternal joy."

Past Grand Master John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, presented his report, which was referred to Committee on Finance. The following figures appear in his summary:

Receipts to Oct. 1, 1918 .....	\$234,654.23
Disbursements .....	122,917.38
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Balance .....	\$111,736.85

(See Proceedings, pages 33 to 45, inclusive, for detailed statements.)

Grand Secretary, Past Grand Master Dave Jackson, presented his report, among other things, stating:

"It is most gratifying to note the splendid work done by lodges during the past year, as shown by the returns. We now have a total membership of 49,071, being a gain for the year ending August 31, 1918, of 3,025. Initiations reported, 3,900, which is more than in any previous year, and the number of suspensions has decreased. The reports show that we have 3,096 on

our Honor Roll." Forty-one lodges failed to mail returns on time (see Proceedings, page 46).

The following lodges were granted charters and regularly established by proxies: Robards 883, Lonesome Pine 884 at Flem-  
ing, Van Lear 885, Hebbardsville 886.

The supply of the Book of Constitutions running low, a fifth edition was recommended (see Proceedings, pages 47 and 48), also amendments to the same.

Defunct lodges were noted on page 8 of the Proceedings.

November 7, 1918, the body of Brother Joe D'Amica, member of Buckhorn Lodge No. 796, was buried in the Grand Lodge lot in Cave Hill Cemetery.

On account of inability to procure help, the Proceedings of previous Grand Lodge were delayed in the printing office.

Matters concerning lodges were reported and sent to Committee on Lodges U. D. (see Proceedings, page 49).

Four cases were referred to Committee on Appeals (see Proceedings, page 49).

The financial statement showed:

Receipts .....	\$136,685.90
Disbursements .....	123,938.13
Assets .....	240,556.47
Liabilities .....	68,177.79
Net Worth .....	\$172,388.68

Statistical statement showed:

Chartered Lodges .....	588
Army Lodges (holding over) .....	2
Lodges instituted since October, 1917 .....	6
Total .....	596

Charters arrested .....	1
Charters surrendered .....	2
Total .....	3

Present Number .....	594
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Membership statement showed:

Members per 1917 report .....	46,046
Apparent Gain .....	3,025

Present Membership .....	49,071
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Free Members .....	962
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Past Grand Master Robt. Peak made report for Committee on Our Homes: At Old Masons' Home, Shelbyville, found the condition very commendable. At Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, Louisville, "cannot say too much in praise of Superintendent Adams, and the matron, his wife." For full text of report see Proceedings, pages 52 to 55, inclusive. A supplemental report was made which appears on page 56.

Greetings from Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Past Grand Master George B. Winslow moved a reconsideration of supplemental report of Committee on Our Homes, which was made an order of business for 2:00 o'clock. Seconded and carried.

Past Grand Master James N. Saunders, of Special Committee on Our Homes, made a report to be considered at 2:00 o'clock (see Proceedings, pages 57 and 58).

Brother Henry Pirtle presented report of Commission on Masonic Unity, embracing great length, which was referred to Finance Committee (see Proceedings, pages 58 to 86, inclusive).

Past Grand Master James Garnett made report for the Educational Committee (see Proceedings, pages 86 to 102, inclusive), which was referred to Finance Committee. This report presented the idea of conserving the surplus money annually coming into the Grand Lodge, putting it into a fund to be used for the higher educational and vocational training of the boys and girls who leave the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home when they arrive at the age of 16 years, preparing them for their proper station in life, and would ultimately produce sufficient funds for that purpose.

Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm, Superintendent of the Old Masons' Home, made a comprehensive report (see Proceedings, pages 103, 104 and 105).

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke presented his report on Doings of Other Grand Lodges, which appears as appendix to Proceedings.

Brother Clarke also moved that when the Grand Lodge of Kentucky completes its business it shall be closed sine die.

Brother W. W. Duffield presented a resolution, which was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence and afterward adopted, as follows:

"An assessment of one dollar a year for each member, including ministers, fifty-year members and members in the active service of the Army and Navy, is levied upon the membership for the support of the beneficiaries of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and the said assessment shall be collected from members of the respective lodges as dues and the amount thereof shall be paid to the Grand Secretary in the same manner and at the same time the annual dues to the Grand Lodge are paid, and by the same shall be turned over to the Grand Treasurer. Said assessment shall be paid to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home as provided in Section 30, subsection 3, of the Constitution."

Brother Fred Hardwick made report of the Fraternal Committee, which was received with thanks (see Proceedings, pages

105 and 106). This report had to do with Masons who were soldiers quartered at Camp Taylor.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment till 1:30 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 1:30 o'clock.

Brother L. W. Guthrie of Committee on Lodges U. D., made report, which was adopted. The report concerned the following lodges: Stone, Wheelwright, Mowbray & Robinson, Dripping Springs, Equality and Gleanings (see Proceedings, pages 107, 108 and 109).

Brother J. L. Rees offered a resolution concerning the use of new receipt card (see Proceedings, page 109), which was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Grand Master made the following appointments of committees:

Jurisprudence—Sam Gray and W. R. Johnston.

Visitors—Phil Andrews and George A. Lewis.

Credentials—H. H. King.

Special Order of Business—The reports of the Committee on Our Homes made by Past Grand Master Robert F. Peak were taken under advisement and after discussion and amendment were adopted.

Past Grand Master James Garnett offered the following amendment to the report made by Past Grand Master Peak, which was adopted:

"Whereas, The buildings constituting the plant of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, which is located on Second Street, in Louisville, Ky., are now crowded to their full capacity, and if all the destitute children of our deceased brothers are properly cared for, we must either build additional dormitories on the large vacant lot connected with the present plant, or must rebuild our plant on some modern plan; and

"Whereas, It cannot be determined whether additional buildings should be erected or a new plant built until the money to meet the expenses thereof has been raised, therefore be it

"Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Grand Master to devise plans and carry on a campaign for the purpose of raising one million dollars, to be paid in not exceeding ten equal installments, and when sufficient money has been subscribed, the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home then in office, will select plans and specifications, which they will present to the Grand Lodge for its approval or rejection."

Brother L. R. Dickinson of the Masonic Employment Bureau made report which was referred to the Finance Committee (see Proceedings, pages 111 and 112). The presiding officers of the bureau were: Charles P. Crowder, president; Walter H. Mitchell, first vice-president; James N. Hall, second vice-president; William A. Crader, treasurer; L. R. Dickinson, secretary. Out of 291 applications, 289 were found positions; receipts, \$1,047.36; disbursements, \$1,010.55.

Brother Fred W. Hardwick, for Committee on Finance, made partial report (see Proceedings, pages 113 and 114), which was set for special order.

Brother G. Allison Holland reported for Committee on By-Laws (see Proceedings, pages 114, 115 and 116).

Brother H. L. Peterson offered the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Resolved, That Section 140 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following words: 'No lodge shall confer the Fellow Craft degree upon a candidate until the candidate has contributed to the endowment fund of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary at least five dollars, and shall have presented and filed with the secretary of the lodge a receipt therefor, issued by the Superintendent of the Home or some other person designated by the Board of Directors to issue such a receipt.'

Past Grand Master John G. Orndorff, Committee on Necrology, presented report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 116, 117, 118 and 119).

Past Grand Master John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer, made report for Special Committee on Masonic Temple (see Proceedings, pages 119, 120 and 121), which was made special order of business.

Brother George A. Lewis offered a resolution relative to the Grand Orient of France, referred to Commission on Masonic Research.

Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1918

### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:30 o'clock.

Moving pictures of the Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville were shown.

Past Grand Master William C. McChord offered resolution regarding conveyance of Masonic Temple to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home. Referred to Committee on Jurisprudence (see Proceedings, pages 123 and 124).

Brother R. M. Wheat made report for Committee on Credentials (see Proceedings, pages 124, 125, 126 and 127).

Past Grand Master George B. Winslow offered resolution authorizing reprint with corrections of the Book of Constitutions.

Brother P. D. Miller's report of Committee on Appeals was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 127 and 128).

Brother J. J. Howe presented report of Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 128, 129, 130 and 131).

Grand Lodge proceeded with election of officers, resulting as follows: Wm. Carson Black, Grand Master; Henry S. McElroy, Deputy Grand Master; Fred Acker, Grand Senior Warden; Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer; Dave Jackson, Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Master Sam K. Veach introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge subscribe one thousand dollars per year for ten years to the maintenance fund of the Old Masons' Home, to be paid each year on October 20, payments to begin October 20, 1919."

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke offered resolution making changes in Constitution, same being adopted (see Proceedings, pages 133 and 134).

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to be called again at 1:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 1:30 p. m.

Past Grand Master James Garnett moved to reconsider the motion referring to the matter of deeding the Temple property to the Widows and Orphans' Home, seconded and carried. He then made a motion that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of five with regard to the conveying of the Masonic Temple to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, whose duty it will be to report their finding and recommendation to this Grand Body at its next regular communication. Same was duly seconded and carried.

Brother Fred W. Hardwick presented the remainder of the Finance Committee's report (see Proceedings, pages 136 and 137).

The Trustees of Masonic Temple submitted report for year ending September 30, 1918, containing a financial review (see Proceedings, pages 139 to 142, inclusive).

Past Grand Master J. D. Black installed the following officers:

W. Carson Black, Grand Master; Henry S. McElroy, Deputy Grand Master; Fred Acker, Grand Senior Warden; Fred W.

Hardwick, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer; Rev. E. R. Overly, Grand Chaplain; J. Arch Bailey, Grand Senior Deacon; W. C. Faulkner, Grand Junior Deacon; Geo. B. Spencer, Grand Marshal; Henry J. Gibson, Grand Sword Bearer; W. H. Tritt, Grand Pursuivant; A. W. Morris, Grand Tiler.

Grand Secretary Dave Jackson presented retiring Grand Master Weathers the past grand master's jewel on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Black read list of standing committees appointed:

Appeals—George A. Lewis, Perry B. Miller and Tom W. Sweatt.

By-Laws—George P. Ginn, Isaac Walker and James S. Linebaugh.

Jurisprudence—Henry Pirtle, John F. Coldiron and Proctor K. McElroy.

Lodges U. D.—Alfred H. Bryant, C. G. Moreland and William R. Henry.

Necrology—John W. Ligon.

Our Homes—G. Allison Holland, W. E. Farmer and T. P. Posey.

Other Grand Lodges—W. W. Clarke.

Visitors—T. W. Pennington, John P. Jones and Jeff Prater.

Special on Temple—W. C. McChord, W. R. Shackelford, James D. Black, Virgil Smith and S. Marion Cecil.

Finance—Robert W. Smith, Sid A. Lovelace and B. Y. Willis.

Credentials—Isaac T. Woodson, Perry V. Cole and D. P. Black.

Masonic Unity—Henry Pirtle, William W. Clarke and A. M. Hughes.

Biography of Grand Master—George B. Winslow.

Trustees Masonic Temple—Chas. M. Smith, B. A. Duerson, John Maas, Chas. S. Mahn and R. E. Woods.

Educational Fund—S. P. Browning, James Garnett, W. M. Jackson, E. R. Dillehay and J. H. Richmond.

Grand Lodge closed in due form at 4:15 p. m.

The next Grand Lodge communication to be held in Louisville on Tuesday, October 21, 1919.

W. C. BLACK, Grand Master.

DAVE JACKSON, Grand Secretary.



## ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Wm. Carson Black

1919

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Born 1874

Brother Black was born in Barbourville, Knox County, Ky., November 27, 1874. He was educated in the city schools, later attending Union College, graduating from same in 1896, with the A. B. degree. He attended Central University of Kentucky, then located at Richmond. He is a member of the College Fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He graduated in medicine, receiving the degree of M. D. in 1899, from Medico Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, Pa., practicing his profession for years. He was Regimental Surgeon of the Second Kentucky State Guards in 1899 and 1900; was Health Officer for Barbourville and Knox County, and was Pension Examiner for a term. After this he became interested in the coal business as operator, wholesaler and retailer; was also interested for some time in the oil business, representing several companies in the oil-producing and refining industry. He is a man who is fully qualified to fill any position, is full of energy and a real live-wire in any undertaking. Dr. Black moved to Lexington, Ky., April 1, 1926, and became engaged in the manufacture of medicines, later purchasing a farm and devoting his time to these two business interests. On October 17th of the same year he moved to Lexington, Dr. Black married Miss Rene Coffey of Danville, whom he knew as teacher while chairman of the Barbourville School Board.

Brother Black was elected and served as a member of the Legislature in the lower house in the year of 1904-'05, and, being a young man of dynamic force and bearing, was nominated Speaker of the House in Republican caucus, and the position made him minority leader. He served as member of the Board of Councilmen, and was for a time Acting Mayor of the city of Barbourville. He was for many years President of the High School Board in his home city, and brought it from a small frame building with four teachers to a large and commodious pressed brick building, costing more than \$60,000, with a corps of fourteen teachers.

He married Miss Etta Shaffer, of Reynoldsville, Pa., and from this union there were born seven children, four of whom are now living, three sons, Stanley, Russell, John A., Jr., and Mary Louise.

Brother Black is a member of Mountain Lodge No. 187, being initiated September 12, 1897; passed May 11, 1898, and raised June 27, 1898; elected Junior Warden, December 27, 1899; Master, December 27, 1900; re-elected December 27, 1907-1914-1915. He was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in October, 1915; Grand Senior Warden in October, 1916; Deputy Master in October, 1917; was Acting Grand Master for a few months, Grand Master Weathers being in the United States Army; Grand Master, December 11, 1918.

On the day of his installation as Grand Master, in the name of Mountain Lodge No. 187, he was presented a handsome gold watch and chain. During his term he was presented with a handsome nine-piece silver service by his Masonic friends and admirers. His administration was one of the best ever had in Masonry in Kentucky. His address, a very lengthy one, with a great many rulings, recommendations and decisions, was referred to the proper committees, and were all approved. During his administration he set in motion the machinery and appointed the committee, to raise the \$1,000,000 for the building of the New Home for the widows and orphans of the state, and was elected by that committee as treasurer. He was treasurer of his home lodge for many years. He is now, and has always been, an active worker for Masonry.

He is a member of Barbourville Chapter No. 137, R. A. M., and has served four terms as High Priest; a member of Cumberland Council No. 65, and is a Past Thrice Illustrious Master. He is a Knights Templar, having been knighted in Richmond Commandery No. 25, in 1904. He was a charter member of London Commandery No. 33, and was its first Prelate. He is now a member of Pineville Commandery No. 39, was one of the charter members of this Commandery and was elected its first Prelate. After moving to Lexington, joined Lexington Commandery No. 1, Maccabees, Junior Order of American Mechanics, and Order of the Eastern Star, being the Worthy Patron of Lexington Chapter No. 110 for the year 1933. He became a member of Kosair Temple, A. A. O. N. M. Shrine of Louisville at special ceremony at Corbin on May 15, 1920.

Brother Black was elected and served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky in 1913-'14. He broke all records as Grand High Priest in the point of miles traveled and degrees conferred; was elected Grand Scribe in 1910, Grand King in 1911, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1912, and Grand High Priest in 1913; he is also a member of the Order of High Priesthood, and the only member of the High Priesthood east of Lexington. During his term as Grand High Priest he called the Grand Officers to meet in Lexington on February 22, 1914, and there they conferred the degrees on a large class. This was the first and only time in the history of the Order that this was ever done.

At the October (1919) Grand Council, he was elected Grand Marshal and advanced each year, being elected Grand Master in 1924. His work during the 1924-'25 period as Grand Master has been equaled by few grand masters, he having created six new councils, all of which are functioning; revived dormant or semi-active councils, and instilled new life and new interest in Cryptic Masonry throughout the Jurisdiction.

He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was chairman of the Board of Trustees of his home church, and teacher of the Men's Bible Class for many years.

He is a friend to the whole Masonic Fraternity; is a staunch and enthusiastic worker for the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and in any and all things tending to the upbuilding of the Fraternity throughout the land. He is very grateful to his brethren and companions for the many courtesies shown him, having honored him with the highest Arcana of their sacred rites. He stands ever ready to answer any and all calls from his brethren, and never forgets a friend. He is plain and outspoken in any and all matters, let them be fraternal, religious or political, and can be placed without a doubt. When he is your friend he will stick closer than a brother. He never forgets a favor, and seeks every opportunity to return one.

## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1919

The One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was held in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, Ky., commencing Tuesday, October 21, 1919, and was opened in ample form on the Master Mason degree at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Grand Officers were present as follows:

Wm. Carson Black, Barbourville .....	Grand Master
Henry S. McElroy, Lebanon .....	Deputy Grand Master
Fred Acker, Paducah .....	Grand Senior Warden
Fred W. Hardwick, Louisville .....	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers, Louisville .....	Grand Treasurer
Dave Jackson, Louisville .....	Grand Secretary
Alex M. Woodruff, Louisville .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
E. R. Overly, Covington .....	Grand Chaplain
J. Arch Bailey, Cynthiana .....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. C. Faulkner, Barbourville .....	Grand Junior Deacon
Geo. B. Spencer, Carlisle .....	Grand Marshal
Henry J. Gibson, Pineville .....	Grand Sword Bearer
W. H. Tritt, Paducah .....	Grand Pursuivant
A. W. Morris, Fulton .....	Grand Tiler

There were nineteen past grand masters and seventy-one past masters registered in the Grand Secretary's office.

All the subordinate lodges, 594 in number, seem to have had representatives present.

Grand Master Black delivered his address which was, upon motion, referred to proper committees.

In opening his address, he spoke as follows:

"We welcome you with outstretched hands, with an open mind and a grateful heart, you the representatives of 53,000 Masons to the One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. In all the years through its wonderful history, from the days of formation, regulation and designing upon the trestle board for progress and humanity, down through the regime of our great, illustrious and immortal Henry Clay, who once occupied the exalted station of Grand Master, and on through many another memorable and successful administration, doubtless no Grand Master in all these years has received more genuine loyalty, seen truer men and Masons working for 'God, home and native land.' You whose names are enrolled in the lodges within the jurisdiction encircling the territory in the vineyard where the bravest live, the best are, and the wisest direct on this beautiful stretch of ground, we happily and proudly call in clarion notes, 'My own, my dear Kentucky.'"

Speaking of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, he said:

"The Craft of Kentucky has furnished a true example of charity and benevolence in the establishment of this pioneer institution, and for years it has been nurtured and sustained with well-deserved pride by the Masons of this Commonwealth. They performed well their work in the past, so let us push on with renewed vigor and zealous endeavor, counting it a pleasure to

provide its present needs, and by our wisdom and strength insure to our kindred posterity a continuance of these blessings.

"The institution is beloved by all Masons. We are eager to write and speak of the good it has accomplished, and the still greater position it will take in the training of the child of the future in that greater Home, which through the big heart of the Craft of this jurisdiction, it will soon, by necessity, be compelled to build. Today the Home is a model institution, offering unexcelled advantages in moral, religious and educational development to our boys and girls under the fostering care of our highly-capable and beloved Superintendent, Past Grand Master T. J. Adams, and his estimable and gracious wife."

Of the Old Masons' Home, he had this to say:

"It has been my pleasure to visit the Old Masons' Home three times during this year, to be in communication with the officers of the Home and in touch with its affairs. I am glad to be able to state to the Craft that this worthy institution is being well and properly conducted by Superintendent Heinrich and the matron, his painstaking and kindly wife. The inmates appear to be happy and contented, and are provided with proper and wholesome food and clothing, and good, comfortable rooms. There exists no reason for any of the guests of that institution to be discontented when they are so richly blessed."

The Grand Master spoke of the Million-Dollar Committee as follows:

"At the last Annual Communication of this Grand Body, held in December, 1918, Brother Past Grand Master James Garnett offered a resolution concerning the construction of new buildings for the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, which resolution was referred to the Committee on Our Homes. That committee offered the following resolution as a substitute for the resolution offered by Brother Garnett, and the report of the committee was adopted:

"Whereas, There is insufficient room in the Widows and Orphans' Home to accommodate all who are entitled to admission, and

"Whereas, No provisions have been made for diseased or helpless widows, therefore be it

"Resolved, That it is necessary to erect additional buildings, and also to erect an infirmary; and be it further

"Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to ascertain the cost thereof and advise ways and means to raise the necessary funds; that said committee be empowered to receive donations and take subscriptions, and to use such other means as seems to the committee best to create the necessary fund and fix the time for payment of same."

Of the Masonic Home Journal, he said:

"The Masonic Home Journal is the official organ of this Grand Lodge, and through it you may speak sentiments of truth, advance your opinions and invite a brotherly intercourse of thought and high ideals of life. I believe that this is the true object of the medium through which 53,000 Masons are privileged to express themselves, and to record those things for the welfare of the Craft which the Grand Lodge in its wisdom back in the early eighties resolved itself to do."

The Educational Trustees came in for their meed of praise in the following language:

"We are all proud of the record made by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky during the 119 years of its existence. It has had a useful career and much progressive legislation has been adopted by it, but it has been truthfully said that the most important and far-reaching single act of the Grand Lodge was at its 1915 session, when it adopted the resolution prepared and introduced by Past Grand Master James Garnett creating the Educational Trustees and providing a perpetual endowment fund for the higher education and vocational training of our children who leave the Home at the age of 16 years. The surplus money annually coming into the Grand Lodge is placed in a perpetual endowment fund and the income on this fund is used to educate and train our children so as to prepare them for some trade or profession. The five brothers who constitute the Educational Trustees are: James Garnett, S. P. Browning, W. M. Jackson, Edward R. Dillehay and J. H. Richmond. They are peculiarly equipped for this important work. Brother Browning, the Treasurer, is a banker and business man of large experience. He handles the Endowment Fund without any expense or salary and has made it produce the largest possible rate of interest."

Speaking of the St. John's Day League, he said:

"The St. John's Day League, over 35 years ago, under the influence of such men as Judge Reginald H. Thompson and Captain H. B. Grant, became a permanent organization as it stands today, composed of three representatives of each of the Masonic bodies of Louisville and Jefferson County. At that time, the conditions of the Home made it necessary that the League should raise money to tide over the deficit, as now. The income of the Home was not sufficient to justify the admission of any more children, and the St. John's Day League entered the field to raise money from the Masons of Louisville and Jefferson County to make up the shortage."

He closed his address as follows:

"Masonry will be given a chance for an acid test of its strength, durability and equilibrium in the affairs of men, community uplift and an aid to Christian fellowship. Its high ideals

were the guarantors of our republic at its inception, and no less today are we consecrated to keep this nation (and every nation where Masonry is established) off the rocks of disaster insofar as our authority to speak and act will go. This new obligation is thrown right at the door of our being. That we will heed it and meet it as an organization in molding a sound freedom worthy of our traditions for this and other nations that are on the 'forward march' toward universal peace, pride and prosperity, I doubt not. Nay, the vision of Masonry points not to gods of gold or demons of destruction, but rather to a divine mission of love that is the law of life, mercy and justice, and the foundation of every real success."

Grand Treasurer John H. Leathers made his report which was referred to the Finance Committee:

Receipts .....	\$262,844.43
Disbursements .....	133,977.54

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Balance .....	\$128,866.89
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Dave Jackson, Grand Secretary, made his report, which was referred to the proper committees. He gave the total number of lodges for 1919 as 594. The membership was given as 53,182.

Past Grand Master Burnam presented N. S. Park of Las Vegas, Grand Master of Nevada, who addressed the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Whereas, Regulation No. 4 of the General Regulations of 1721, provides in part as follows:

"'No lodge shall make more than five new brethren at one time,' and

"Whereas, The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, by a regulation adopted at its communication of 1817, authorizes the lodges of this jurisdiction to make more Masons, at one time, than five, now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky reasserts provision of said Regulation No. 4 of the General Regulations of 1721, and all regulations of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in conflict therewith are hereby repealed."

Past Grand Master Clarke moved to call from labor to refreshment until the next morning at 9 o'clock a. m. Said motion was carried, and the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until Wednesday morning, October 22, 1919, at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1919

## MORNING SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:15 a. m. The printed Proceedings of yesterday's session were distributed, therefore the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Brother John W. Ligon, of the Committee on Necrology, made their report, which was adopted by a rising vote, followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Brother L. R. Dickinson made the report of the Masonic Employment Bureau, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Brother A. H. Bryant, of the Committee on Lodges U. D., made that committee's report, which was adopted.

Past Grand Master James Garnett, chairman of the Educational Trustees, reported for that body, and same, with exception of financial part, was adopted.

Brother W. W. Duffield offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee:

"Moved: That Section 139 of the Constitution be amended, so that when amended, it will read as follows: 'No degree shall be conferred on the same person in less than one lunar month after the previous degree shall have been conferred on him, except upon dispensation of the Grand Master to confer degrees in less time on members of the Regular Army or Navy of the United States.'"

Brother Perry B. Miller made the report of the Committee on Appeals, which was adopted.

The time for the holding of the election of officers having arrived, the Grand Lodge proceeded to said election. The Grand Master appointed Brothers Jas. Keeley, Gordon Sulser and Guy Johnson as tellers. The election then proceeded, with the following results: Henry S. McElroy (87), Grand Master; Fred Acker (127), Deputy Grand Master; Fred W. Hardwick (400), Grand Senior Warden; E. E. Nelson (490), Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers (376), Grand Treasurer; Dave Jackson (144), Grand Secretary.

Brother Isaac T. Woodson made the report of the Committee on Credentials, and the same was adopted.

Past Grand Master Ware offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Be It Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, That Section 116 of the Constitution be amended, so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

" 'No petition for degrees or affiliation shall be balloted on by any lodge unless the petitioner shall have been continuously a bona-fide resident of its jurisdiction for at least six months, or

obtained a waiver from the lodge having jurisdiction over him; and members of the Army and Navy of the United States may be considered bona-fide residents of the posts or camps where they are assigned and have resided for six months."

Past Grand Master Clarke moved that the Commission on Masonic Unity be continued till next year. Carried.

Brother Orie S. Ware made the report of the Committee on Our Homes, which was adopted.

Past Grand Master Clarke moved at 12:10 o'clock that the Grand Lodge be called from labor to refreshment until 2:00 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2:10 o'clock p. m., the Deputy Grand Master in the chair.

Brother Isaac Walker made the report of the Committee on By-Laws, which was adopted.

Brother Proctor K. McElroy made the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, and same was adopted.

Brother R. E. Woods made the report of the Trustees of the Masonic Temple, which was adopted.

Brother G. Allison Holland, chairman of the Million-Dollar Committee, presented the following report, which was adopted by a rising vote:

"Your committee appointed by the Grand Master under a resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its annual communication in December, 1918, respectfully submits the following report:

"The Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Committee on Our Homes, which said report offered a substitute to the resolution offered by Brother Garnett, which substitute was presented to the Grand Lodge by Brother Peak, and the substitute reads as follows:

"The Committee on Our Homes, having before it the facts showing the necessity for improving and enlarging the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, made the following report, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication on December 11, 1918:

"Whereas, There is insufficient rooms in the Widows and Orphans' Home to accommodate all who are entitled to admission, and

"Whereas, No provisions have been made for diseased and helpless widows, therefore be it

"Resolved, That it is necessary to erect additional buildings and also to erect an infirmary; and be it further

"Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to ascertain the cost thereof and devise ways and means to raise the

necessary funds; that said committee be empowered to receive donations and take subscriptions, and to use such other means as seems to the committee best to create the necessary fund and fix the time for payment of same.'

"In compliance with the terms of this resolution, the Grand Master appointed the Million-Dollar Committee."

Past Grand Master Peak moved that the Treasurer, Secretary and Finance Committee of the Million-Dollar Committee be required to give bond in a guaranty company, premium to be paid for by the committee. Carried.

Deputy Grand Master in the chair.

Past Grand Master Peak moved that the Board of Directors of the Widows and Orphans' Home prepare tentative plans and specifications to be submitted to this Grand Lodge next session for the buildings to be erected by the subscriptions to the Million-Dollar Fund, and that no money shall be expended for plans and specifications until approved by this Grand Lodge. Carried.

Past Grand Master Clarke made his report for the Committee on Doings of Other Grand Lodges, which was printed in the Proceedings as an appendix.

Past Grand Master Saunders moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourned for the day it would do so until 9:30 o'clock the next morning.

Grand Master in the chair.

Past Grand Master O. D. Thomas, of the Special Committee, presented to Grand Treasurer John H. Leathers a beautiful vase of flowers on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Brother Leathers responded in a fitting manner.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 4:10 p. m.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1919

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:35 o'clock a. m.

Brother Dave Jackson moved that the Grand Lodge reconsider the report of the Jurisprudence Committee with reference to motion of Brother Pirtle. Carried.

Brother J. W. Juett addressed the Grand Lodge, giving his experience with the A. E. F. in France.

Brother Perry B. Miller made a supplementary report for Committee on Appeals, which was adopted:

"Parkersville Lodge No. 484, Lamasco, Ky., vs. R. T. Gray, Master.

"The accused was charged with coming to the lodge of which he was Master so intoxicated that he could not discharge his duty. The Grand Master, upon satisfactory evidence, suspended

the Master during the remainder of his term. We recommend that his action be approved.

"We direct the Senior Warden to present the charges in due form to this committee, that a legal trial may be had.

"Respectfully submitted,

Perry B. Miller, Chairman,

Geo. A. Lewis,

T. M. Sweatt,

Committee."

Past Grand Master James Garnett made the following report for the Special Committee on Cedar Rapids Association:

"We, your Committee on the Cedar Rapids Association, have investigated, to some extent, the purposes and interest of a national organization of this type, and we can see no valid objection to such an organization.

"This Association is not to have plenary power over ritualistic or other State Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, but only for purposes of propaganda in charitable work and to disseminate national, or as a national body, the merits and benefits of the Order.

"The fact that there was no national organization covering all branches and jurisdictions was alleged as the reason for the Masons not being given equal opportunities with certain other organizations in the courts and cantonments in our recent war.

"We recommend that the matter be placed before this Grand Body for their consideration."

The report was signed by the committee composed of Brothers James Garnett, chairman, J. W. Ireland and W. R. Johnston.

Past Grand Master James Garnett moved the Grand Lodge join the Association. Carried.

Deputy Grand Master in the chair.

Brother R. W. Smith, chairman of the Finance Committee, made the report for that committee, which was adopted.

Brother H. R. Coleman addressed the Grand Lodge on Masonry in Oriental Countries.

The Grand Master presented Brother J. J. Howe of Carrollton Lodge No. 134, who addressed the Grand Lodge. Brother Howe is Grand Chancellor Commander of Kentucky Knights of Pythias.

Deputy Grand Master Henry S. McElroy presented Brother Arthur C. J. Wood, Past Master of Lodge Ryde No. 155, Past Master of Lodge Victoria No. 113, Past Master of Lodge Thespian No. 256, of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, also Past Deputy Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, Australia, who addressed the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Virgil P. Smith moved that the Grand Secretary convey to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales fraternal greetings.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Whereas, The Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary have been requested to present to the next session of the Grand Lodge tentative plans for the proposed new plant to be erected with the million dollars we will have ready to build a modern Home for our widows and orphans, and now, in order that the location may be definitely fixed, it is resolved that said plans shall be applied to a lot or lots within the reach of the public service corporations of Louisville, and they will consider all locations which can be secured at a reasonable price, and will also consider rebuilding on the present site of the Home, so the Grand Body can determine the proper location for the new Home."

Brother Beard made a supplementary report for the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted.

Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm offered the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, That the Rev. H. R. Coleman be, and he is, hereby invited to visit subordinate lodges of Kentucky, giving account of his travels in various countries investigating the various forms and ceremonies of Masons and searching for Masonic light, and to confer the Oriental Order of Masonry on brethren who may desire the same.

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to present Dr. Coleman with a copy of this paper and the resolutions."

Brother Alex M. Woodruff, Assistant Grand Secretary, was reappointed Assistant Grand Secretary by the Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Master Garnett offered the following, which was adopted by a rising vote:

"Whereas, Our outgoing Grand Master, W. Carson Black, has been most diligent and efficient in the discharge of the duties imposed upon him, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge extend to him its thanks and our appreciation for the splendid services he has rendered to the Craft in the past year."

Past Grand Master Wm. Carson Black installed the following officers: Rev. R. B. Grider (73), Bowling Green, Grand Chaplain; T. W. Pennington (60), Stanford, Grand Senior Deacon; J. T. Carter (87), Lebanon, Grand Junior Deacon; Geo. B. Spencer (65), Carlisle, Grand Marshal; W. H. Tritt (190), Paducah, Grand Sword Bearer; Thos. B. Posey (283), Russellville, Grand Pursuivant; W. H. Hawes (760), Louisville, Grand Tiler.

Past Grand Master Sam K. Veach, Special Marshal, presented Grand Master-elect Henry S. McElroy for installation.

Past Grand Master O. D. Thomas impressively installed the following Grand Officers: Henry S. McElroy, Lebanon, Grand Master; Fred Acker, Paducah, Deputy Grand Master; Fred W. Hardwick, Louisville, Grand Senior Warden; E. E. Nelson, Williamsburg, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Louisville, Grand Treasurer; Alex. M. Woodruff, Louisville, Assistant Grand Secretary.

- The Grand Master appointed the following committees:
- Appeals—John R. Yeager (28), Danville.
- By-Laws—H. L. Peterson (18), Cynthiana; S. S. Pinney (23), Mt. Sterling; W. H. Ashby (127), Paducah.
- Jurisprudence—Geo. B. Winslow (134), Carrollton; J. W. Brown (640), Mt. Vernon; W. C. McChord (50), Springfield.
- Lodges Under Dispensation—A. H. Bryant (109), Covington; W. R. Johnston (87), Lebanon; Aaron Sharp (454), Whitehall.
- Necrology—Rev. A. G. Link (124), Campbellsville.
- Our Homes—R. W. Smith (137), Irvine; L. B. Craig (400), Louisville; S. Marion Cecil (375), Pikeville.
- Doings of Other Grand Lodges—W. W. Clarke (130), Owensboro.
- Visitors—G. M. Bohannon (24), Glasgow; Stanley P. Stephenson (184), Hustonville; Geo. L. Blackford (358), Newport.
- Finance—R. R. Burnam (25), Richmond; Jesse Whitworth (67), Hardinsburg; R. M. Hocker (586), Lebanon Junction.
- Credentials—James Keeley (130), Owensboro; P. E. Hourigan (430), Gravel Switch; Isaac T. Woodson (760), Louisville.
- Biography of Retiring Grand Master—W. H. McDonald (187), Louisville.
- Trustees of Educational Fund—S. P. Browning (52), Maysville.
- Masonic Unity—Henry Pirtle (400), Louisville; W. C. Faulkner (187), Barbourville; T. W. Sweatt (272), Louisville.
- Million-Dollar Committee—G. Allison Holland (1), Lexington; H. M. Grundy (50), Springfield; Wm. Ward Duffield (879), Harlan; Geo. C. Atkinson (548), Earlington; Gordon Sulser (52), Maysville.
- Past Grand Master Chas. H. Fisk moved that the address of the Grand Master be printed in full in the Proceedings. Carried.
- Brother P. K. McElroy presented the Grand Master with a beautiful bunch of flowers on behalf of Lebanon Lodge No. 87.
- Past Grand Master O. D. Thomas presented the Grand Master with a handsome traveling bag on behalf of his father-in-law, Mr. Bruce.
- Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented a past grand master's jewel to retiring Grand Master W. Carson Black.

Brother W. H. McDonald presented to Brother Black, on behalf of his brethren of Mountain Lodge No. 187, a beautiful bouquet of roses.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 1:05 p. m.

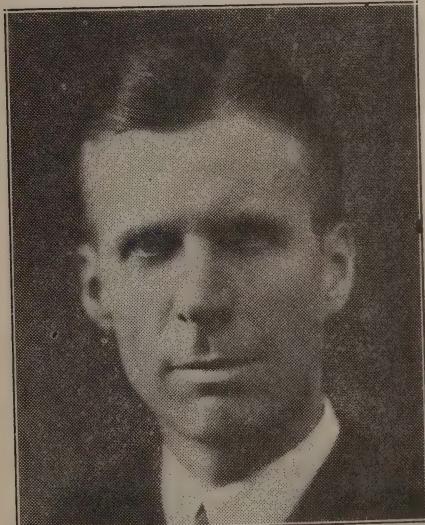
H. S. McELROY, Grand Master.

DAVE JACKSON, Grand Secretary.



## ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Henry Skiles  
McElroy

1920

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Born 1873—Died 1930

Henry Skiles McElroy was born September 5, 1873, at the home of his grandfather, Hamilton Skiles, Rich Pond, Warren County, Ky., son of Prof. G. G. McElroy and Ellen Skiles McElroy. Lived all his life in Marion County, Ky. In 1891 attended Ogden College at Bowling Green, Ky., where he graduated in 1895 with the B. A. degree. He attended Centre College Law School and graduated therefrom in 1897, and began the practice of law in Lebanon, Ky. During the World War he was very active, holding seven chairmanships in Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives. Brother McElroy's Masonic record is: Initiated in Lebanon Lodge No. 87, December 1, 1898; passed February 27, 1899; raised March 30, 1899; elected Junior Warden, December 27, 1910; Senior Warden, December 27, 1911; Master, December 27, 1912. He was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1916, regularly advanced till 1919, when he was elected Grand Master. Exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason October 12, 1905, in Edmonds Chapter No. 85 at Lebanon; received the Cryptic degrees in Lebanon Council No. 56, January 4, 1904; Knights Templar in Marion Commandery No. 24, Lebanon, October 24, 1905, and elected Eminent Commander in 1915; charter member of Powell Chapter No. 266, O. E. S., and was elected an honorary member of that body. On October 12, 1897, was married to Miss Anna Bruce. The McElroys were noted for their generous hospitality. Brother Henry McElroy died on July 3, 1930. As a member of the Craft he left to his credit an enviable record of work well and ably performed.

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FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1920

The One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was held in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, commencing Tuesday, October 19, 1920, and was opened in ample form on the Master

Mason degree at 10 o'clock a. m., with the following Grand Officers present:

Henry S. McElroy	Grand Master
Fred Acker	Deputy Grand Master
Fred W. Hardwick	Grand Senior Warden
Emerson E. Nelson	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers	Grand Treasurer
Dave Jackson	Grand Secretary
Alex. M. Woodruff	Assistant Grand Secretary
Rev. R. B. Grider	Grand Chaplain
T. W. Pennington	Grand Senior Deacon
J. T. Carter	Grand Junior Deacon
George B. Spencer	Grand Marshal
W. H. Tritt	Grand Sword Bearer
J. W. Ireland	Grand Pursuivant
Wm. H. Hawes	Grand Tiler

Twenty-five out of 28 past grand masters and 60 past masters were in attendance, with 602 lodges represented.

Grand Master McElroy delivered his address, in which he said: "As the representatives of more than 60,000 of the best men in Kentucky, we have assembled for this annual communication; coming from every quarter of our Commonwealth, and coming with the same fraternal spirit and lofty purpose, I greet you and welcome you. The sun of Austerlitz has certainly been shining upon Kentucky Masonry this year. We have enlisted more than 6,000 loyal members beneath our banner, and it has been a year of unexampled prosperity and harmony. With more than 600 lodges in our jurisdiction, it is with peculiar pleasure that I report that during the past 12 months only three have reported any discord, and in none of them did the trouble arise from any really serious cause. As we rejoice in our present prosperity and contemplate our splendid past, may we not at the very outset of our deliberations mutually pledge ourselves to speak no word and do no deed but as will redound to our future honor. I have about come to the end of my year's work, and in rendering to you an account of my stewardship, I can truly say that in everything I have done the good of Masonry has been my polar star, and for the mistakes that I have made I ask for the charity that is characteristic of our fraternity."

"Be to my faults a little blind,  
And to my virtues very kind."

"But while we mingle together in happy fraternal feeling, we would not forget those from whose nerveless grasp have fallen the working tools of life."

The death of Grand Pursuivant Thomas Posey was noted.

Brother Benhard Bernstein of St. George Lodge was employed as official accountant to audit the books of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and the Million-Dollar Committee.

The Walker claim for damages to store and stock was adjusted for the sum of \$415.00.

Brother Joseph Longstreet was appointed official stenographer to report Grand Lodge proceedings, and when completed, bill was paid by the Grand Master.

Bonds of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, each for \$10,000, were approved and accepted.

Grand Master attended banquet given Grand Treasurer Leathers, celebrating his fortieth year of service. He also complimented Grand Secretary Dave Jackson.

Gave ten proxies for various functions (see Proceedings, pages 16 and 17); also many dispensations to confer Entered Apprentice degree on more than five candidates at one time. Eighteen requests for dispensations were refused (see pages 17 and 18 of Proceedings). Issued dispensations for the establishment of seven new lodges (see Proceedings, pages 18 and 19). Made many visits to lodges.

Since its organization, St. John's Day League had contributed to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home about \$200,000, \$16,000 turned in during the year.

The Masonic Temple was sold for \$300,000.

Recommended withdrawal from Masonic Service Association (see Proceedings, pages 21 and 22).

Charges against officers of subordinate lodges were amicably settled (see Proceedings, pages 22 and 23).

Concurred in the recommendation to raise the subscription price of Masonic Home Journal to 50 cents per year; and visited Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville.

During his administration the Grand Master rendered many opinions (see Proceedings, pages 23 to 26, inclusive).

Employed Brother Fred P. Caldwell to dispose of the new Book of Constitutions at \$1.25 per copy.

Referring to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, the Grand Master complimented Brother Jeff Adams and his wife, and discussed the Million-Dollar proposition (see Proceedings, pages 27, 28 and 29).

Complimented the Order of Eastern Star for their assistance in the drive for the new Masonic Home.

Recommended the issuance of a past grand master's button, and penned a fitting conclusion.

Grand Treasurer John H. Leathers presented his report (see Proceedings, pages 32 to 44, inclusive), which showed the following recapitulation:

Receipts, Oct. 1, 1919, to Oct. 1, 1920 .....	\$281,399.69
Disbursements .....	141,196.55

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Balance ..... \$140,203.14

with an explanation regarding the balance.

Grand Secretary Dave Jackson submitted his report (see Proceedings, pages 45 to 51, inclusive), in which appears the following statistics:

Lodges reported October, 1919 .....	591
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Lodges U. D. holding over .....	3
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Total lodges October, 1919 .....	594
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Instituted and reinstated since .....	8
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602

Charters surrendered .....	2
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Lodges now in existence .....	600
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Three lodges desired charters at that time.

The following lodges were established by Grand Master McElroy: Yocom, New Zion, Dixon, New Harlan, Elkhorn City, Greenwood and Falls of Rough, and these by proxy: Quicksand, Dripping Springs, Wheelwright, Stone, Equality, Blue Diamond, Ewings Creek and Eli. Three cases were referred to Committee on Appeals (see Proceedings, pages 47 and 48).

Reports from a number of lodges were not received in time to avoid the penalty.

Financial statement—Assets, \$149,870.13; liabilities, \$143,049.32; net worth, \$6,820.81.

Grand Master McElroy made the following appointments: J. W. Ireland, Grand Pursuivant; Joseph T. O'Neal and S. A. Lovelace to Committee on Masonic Unity.

Announced that the entertainment by the children of the Home would take place at 2:30 o'clock.

Past Grand Master James Garnett moved that the report of the Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home on location of the new Home, be made a special order of business for 2:30 o'clock the next day. Carried.

Vice-President of the United States, Thomas R. Marshall, being in Louisville, was extended an invitation to address the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1920

## MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:15 o'clock, Deputy Grand Master Fred Acker in the chair.

Report of Committee on Distribution adopted.

Grand Master McElroy in the chair.

Brother L. R. Dickinson, secretary of the Masonic Employment Bureau, made report; referred to Finance Committee (see Proceedings, pages 55 and 56). Applications, 289; positions secured, 239; withdrawals, 31; receipts, \$1,118.23; disbursements, \$1,078.11.

Deputy Grand Master Fred Acker in the chair.

Brother A. H. Bryant made report on Lodges U. D. (see Proceedings, pages 56, 57, 58 and 59).

Brother G. A. Grapes offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That at the opening ceremonies of the lodge the American Flag shall be carried around the lodge room and brought before the altar, at which time the flag shall be saluted by the brethren and at least one verse of the 'Star-Spangled Banner' or 'America' be sung."

Past Grand Master James Garnett, of the Board of Educational Trustees, made report, which, on his request, was referred to the Committee on Finance (see Proceedings, pages 60 to 79, inclusive). The plan of Brother Garnett called for a committee of five, appointed by the Grand Master, as selected in 1915, comprising the following: James Garnett, chairman; S. P. Browning, H. P. Barret, Edward R. Dillehay and Robt. W. Bingham, this committee to conserve the surplus money coming into the Grand Lodge and using the income therefrom for the higher education and vocational training of the boys and girls who leave the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home. The report covered every phase of progress already made and suggestions for future operation of the Endowment Fund. The total resources of the fund at this time were \$81,037.86.

Brother Thomas R. Marshall, Vice-President of the United States, was introduced by Grand Master McElroy, and addressed the Grand Lodge (see Proceedings, pages 79, 80 and 81). Past Grand Master Charles H. Fisk moved that the speech of Brother Marshall be printed in the Proceedings. Carried.

Brother G. Allison Holland made report of Million-Dollar Committee (see Proceedings, pages 81 to 86, inclusive).

Brother William A. Keller addressed the Grand Lodge in the interest of the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Brother Isaac T. Woodson reported for Credentials Committee. Adopted.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Fred Acker, Grand Master; Fred W. Hardwick, Deputy Grand Master; Emerson E. Nelson, Grand Senior Warden; A. E. Orton, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer; Dave Jackson, Grand Secretary.

Brother P. K. McElroy, for Committee on Necrology, reported, noting the death of Brother Thomas Posey, Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, who passed away August 4, 1920 (see Proceedings, pages 90 to 97, inclusive).

Brother Fred W. Hardwick offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That certificates of life memberships in the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary be mailed to the lodges by the Board of Directors of the Home every five years."

Past Grand Master James Garnett offered the following resolution, which, with its whereases, was adopted:

"Resolved, By the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. and A. M., that the incoming Grand Master is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to join the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary in the deed of conveyance when it is executed to the purchaser for the purpose of vesting the said purchaser with any contingent reversionary interest which the said Grand Lodge may have in said property, and the act of the said Grand Master in so doing is hereby confirmed, ratified and approved."

The foregoing resolution refers to the sale of the Masonic Temple property to Edward M. Flexner.

Past Grand Master George B. Winslow made report for Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 99 to 101, inclusive).

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment till 2:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2:30 o'clock, with Grand Master McElroy in the chair.

Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware introduced the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Finance:

"Resolved, That the expenses of the Grand Master and such representative as may be appointed by him, when attending the meetings of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association, shall be paid by the Grand Lodge, provided same shall not exceed \$125 each."

Past Grand Master James Garnett made report for the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary relative to tentative plans for the expenditure of

the million dollars collected for a new Home (see Proceedings, pages 102 to 106, inclusive). Said report was adopted, following the concurrence of the Grand Officers.

Brother S. C. Gibbs offered a resolution authorizing the Board of Directors of the Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary to select a site in or near Louisville, for the new Masonic Home, but the sale of the present Home property be held in abeyance until future orders from the Grand Lodge. Resolution adopted.

Past Grand Master B. G. Witt offered resolutions amending Section 70 of the Constitution, relative to pay of representatives and Grand Officers (see Proceedings, pages 107 and 108). Referred to Jurisprudence Committee.

By-Laws Committee made report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 108 and 109).

Past Grand Master J. E. Wilhelm offered a resolution referring to assessment for benefit of Old Masons' Home. Adopted.

Consideration of recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges postponed.

Committee on Masonic Unity report adopted.

Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that the matter of increase in mileage and per diem be held over until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment until 9:30 o'clock the next morning.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1920

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:30 o'clock.

Past Grand Master Robert R. Burnam made report for the Committee on Finance (see Proceedings, pages 112 to 115, inclusive), said report giving the estimated income in 1920-1921, \$150,000, and recommended that \$5,000 be paid to the Educational Committee on note held of Grand Lodge.

A letter from Brother H. R. Coleman was read and ordered printed in Proceedings (see page 115).

Brother G. Allison Holland introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be and he is hereby authorized to procure a bookcase and put under lock and key the valuable and rare books, so as to preserve them from possible loss to the Library of the Grand Lodge."

Past Grand Master James Garnett presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

"Resolved, That when the Grand Secretary is invited or directed by the Grand Master to visit subordinate lodges, and

when such lodges fail to pay his necessary expenses incident to such visit, said expenses shall be paid when said secretary shall file his account therefor, approved by the Grand Master, and not in the aggregate amount to more than \$300 per annum."

Brother Perry B. Miller, for Committee on Appeals, presented report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 116 to 119, inclusive).

Brother R. W. Smith, of Committee on Our Homes, made report, in which it was stated that the Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville "does credit to the Masons of Kentucky, as evidenced by the conditions and surroundings." Some needed repairs were suggested. As to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home in Louisville, its condition and management, no report from this committee was necessary. "Brother Adams and his good wife leave nothing undone for the comfort and benefit of the residents. The children of the Home appear happy, their health is good, their prospects bright." Subscriptions and the matter of life membership were reviewed (see Proceedings, pages 119 and 120).

Past Grand Master W. C. McChord introduced a resolution relative to the will of the late Sallie H. Grundy, which was adopted (see Proceedings, page 121).

Past Grand Master Garnett presented a resolution thanking the Million-Dollar Committee for the untiring zeal and splendid services rendered. Adopted.

Special Committee on Eastern Star made report, which was adopted.

Brother G. Allison Holland offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Million-Dollar Committee be directed through its Finance Committee to turn over such moneys or securities to the Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary from time to time as may be needed in the purchase of land or erection of buildings for the Home."

The Grand Secretary was directed to purchase an American Flag for use of Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master John H. Cowles introduced the following, which was adopted:

"Whereas, The fourth day of November is the anniversary of George Washington's having been made a Mason in the lodge at Fredericksburg, Va., therefore be it

"Resolved, That we request all subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction to celebrate this anniversary in some appropriate manner with Masonic and patriotic services in honor of this distinguished patriot and Mason."

Past Grand Master Robert F. Peak offered the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended by a rising vote to Grand Master Henry S. McElroy, and his good wife, for his unquestioned fairness, splendid ability and high appreciation of the duties and performances of the office he has honored and to which he was honored, also to his good wife for her loyal support to him during his term of office."

Brother W. H. Tritt presented the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky instruct the Grand Secretary, if, after investigation, he finds Brother M. P. Molley, of Joppa Lodge No. 167, has paid dues for fifty years, that he be reported in this year's Grand Lodge Proceedings as a free member."

Brother T. C. Dedman offered the following, which was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence, and recommended to lie over until next year:

"No lodge shall initiate any candidate who has been rejected by another lodge without the recommendation of seven members of the lodge by whom the rejection was made, if it is in existence, of whom three shall be the Master and Wardens."

Grand Secretary Dave Jackson announced the reappointment of Alex. M. Woodruff as Assistant Grand Secretary.

Brothers Henry S. McElroy, E. E. Nelson, and A. E. Orton were appointed the Committee on O. E. S.

Grand Secretary Dave Jackson presented the past grand master's jewel to Past Grand Master Henry S. McElroy on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm installed the following Grand Lodge Officers: Fred Acker, Grand Master; Fred W. Hardwick, Deputy Grand Master; Emerson E. Nelson, Grand Senior Warden; Alpheus E. Orton, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer; Alex. M. Woodruff, Assistant Grand Secretary.

These were installed by Past Grand Master McElroy: Rev. E. L. Powell, Grand Chaplain; Jesse C. Bronaugh, Grand Senior Deacon; Robert Sory, Grand Junior Deacon; George B. Spencer, Grand Marshal; Herman Ackerman, Grand Sword Bearer; Wilbert H. Tritt, Grand Pursuivant; O. Turner Anderson, Grand Tiler.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committees:

Appeals—George A. Lewis, John R. Yeager and Albert A. Hazelrigg.

By-Laws—Elbert L. Cooper, C. P. Rasp and A. W. Morris.

Jurisprudence—Orie S. Ware, R. Frank Peak and John J. Howe.

Lodges U. D.—A. H. Bryant, Arthur A. Orr and P. G. Stockler.

Necrology—Henry S. McElroy.

Our Homes—M. M. Logan, Fred Cloen and J. J. Rathburn.

Other Grand Lodges—William W. Clarke.

Visitations—M. P. Brown, F. H. Tieman and G. W. Towery.

Finance—James E. Wilhelm, Frank H. Johnson and John Maas.

Credentials—J. Bruce Davis, Charles H. Boden and George L. Blackford.

Biography—Owen D. Thomas.

Educational Trustees—William M. Jackson, Ed. R. Dillehay, J. H. Richmond, S. P. Browning and James Garnett.

Million-Dollar Committee—G. Allison Holland, H. M. Grundy, W. W. Duffield, G. C. Atkinson and Gordon Sulser.

Grundy Home—H. S. McElroy, James Garnett and W. C. McChord.

Thirty-five lodges failed to answer final roll call.

Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 1:20 p. m.

FRED ACKER, Grand Master.

DAVE JACKSON, Grand Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Fred Acker

1921

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Born 1871

Fred Acker was born at DeKoven, Union County, July 7, 1871. He attended school, both at DeKoven and Caseyville. He is a member and past master of Paducah Lodge No. 127. He was initiated July 24, 1895; passed September 11, 1895, and was raised October 23, 1895. December 27, 1895, he was elected Junior Warden, and December 27, 1898, was elected Master, serving two years. Again in 1905 he was elected Master and again served two years, in all he has served his lodge four years as Master. May 13, 1898, he received the Royal Arch degree in Paducah Chapter No. 30, R. A. M., and the Royal and Select Master degrees in Paducah Council No. 32, R. & S. M., October 19, 1905, Past Grand Master Jas. E. Wilhelm presiding during the conference of the degrees. He is a member and Past Eminent Commander of Paducah Commandery No. 11, K. T. At the 1933 session of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky Knights Templar, held at Owensboro in May, he was elevated to the post of Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky Knights Templar. In 1930, he was put in line in the Grand Council of Kentucky, R. & S. M., for Grand Master. He is Secretary of Paducah Lodge and Paducah Chapter No. 30, R. A. M., and recorder of Paducah Council No. 32, R. & S. M., and Paducah Commandery No. 11, K. T. He became a member of Rizpah Shrine at Madisonville in December, 1908. The Scottish Rite degrees up to and including the 32nd were conferred on him by Past Grand Master John H. Cowles, Sovereign Grand Commander of the A. A. S. R., Southern Jurisdiction. October 21, 1919, he was elected a K. C. C. H. in the Supreme Council at Washington.

October 15, 1900, he married Miss Pearl Householder of Paducah. They have no children.

During his term as Grand Master the membership increased over 6,000 bringing the total up to 66,212.

He presided over Grand Lodge with the utmost impartiality, and the true Masonic spirit prevailed throughout the entire deliberations to such extent that the individual representatives returned to their homes with a greater love for Freemasonry and a feeling that it was good to have been there.

He is an employee of the U. S. Post Office having started as letter carrier September 1, 1893, carried for 17 years, was transferred to clerk serving for three years, then promoted to Assistant Postmaster which position he filled for 20 years and was appointed Postmaster by U. S. Senator Barkley of Kentucky, May 31, 1933; celebrated his 40th anniversary September 1, 1933, in postal service.

## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1921

The One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was held in the Flexner Building, Louisville, Kentucky, commencing Tuesday, October 18, 1921, and was opened in ample form on the Master Mason degree at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Grand Officers present were as follows:

Fred Acker .....	Grand Master
Fred W. Hardwick .....	Deputy Grand Master
E. E. Nelson .....	Grand Senior Warden
A. E. Orton .....	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers .....	Grand Treasurer
Dave Jackson .....	Grand Secretary
Alex M. Woodruff .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Rev. Edward Powell .....	Grand Chaplain
Jesse C. Bronaugh .....	Grand Senior Deacon
Robert Sory .....	Grand Junior Deacon
George B. Spencer .....	Grand Marshal
Herman Ackerman .....	Grand Sword Bearer
Wilbert H. Tritt .....	Grand Pursuivant
O. Turner Anderson .....	Grand Tiler

Twenty-six past grand masters and sixty-two past masters registered in the Grand Secretary's office. Of the 606 lodges on the roster only 19 were without representation.

Grand Master Acker delivered his address which was, upon motion, referred to the proper committees. He opened his address as follows:

"My dear Brethren:—Through the tender mercies of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, I am permitted to appear before you as the representative of 66,212 loyal Kentucky Masons. We have assembled in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, all with that same brotherly love and affection that should beat in the hearts of true Masons, and as such I welcome and greet you.

"Our membership did not increase this past year as it did the previous year, but I hope what we lack in numbers, we have made up in loyal and consistent members."

During the year the Grand Master issued a number of dispensations for the establishment of new lodges as follows:

January 31, 1921, George Washington Lodge, U. D., at Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky. Set to work by Brother Dave Jackson, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

February 19, 1921, Krypton Lodge, U. D., at Krypton, Perry County, Kentucky. Set to work by Brother J. H. Newland, Past Master of Breathitt Lodge No. 649.

March 1, 1921, Blackey Lodge, U. D., at Blackey, Letcher County, Kentucky. Set to work by Brother N. R. Day and Kelly Fields, both Past Masters of Whitesburg Lodge No. 754.

March 3, 1921, St. Matthews Lodge, U. D., at St. Matthews, Jefferson County, Kentucky. Set to work by Brother Dave Jackson, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

April 7, 1921, Mortons Gap Lodge, U. D., at Mortons Gap, Hopkins County, Kentucky. Set to work by Brothers W. A. Toombs, H. L. Browning and Carl Woolfolk, Past Masters of E. W. Turner Lodge No. 548.

May 23, 1921, Wilmore Lodge, U. D., at Wilmore, Jessamine County, Kentucky. Set to work by Brother Dave Jackson, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

June 29, 1921, Cunningham Lodge, U. D., at Cunningham, Carlisle County, Kentucky. Set to work by Brother Tom C. Pettit, Past Master of Bardwell Lodge No. 499.

July 12, 1921, Ekron Lodge, U. D., at Ekron, Meade County, Kentucky. Set to work by Brother W. J. Piggott, Past Master of Irvington Lodge No. 868, and Brother B. T. Grant, Past Master of Acme Lodge No. 851.

July 26, 1921, Cub Run Lodge, U. D., at Cub Run, Hart County, Kentucky. Set to work by Brother W. F. Nichols, Past Master of Green River Lodge No. 88.

August 20, 1921, St. Bernard Lodge, U. D., at St. Charles, Hopkins County, Kentucky. Set to work by Right Worshipful A. E. Orton, Grand Junior Warden, and Brother W. A. Toombs, Past Master of E. W. Turner Lodge No. 548.

The Grand Master said, in speaking of the Ku Klux Klan: "As Grand Master of Kentucky, and speaking the sentiment I trust, of over 66,000 good men and true, who are taught in the first degree of Masonry not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but to be quiet and peaceable citizens in the community in which they live, therefore at this time when there is so much lawlessness, crime, robbery and murder, we should stand behind the legally constituted and elected officers of the Nation, State and Municipality, in seeing that law and order prevail. \* \* \* \*

"It is hoped that none of our members will participate in any unlawful gathering that will cause any blot upon their name or bring reproach upon this great order. Their numbers are quoted

as approximately 700,000, certainly a small number of citizens to presume themselves above the law of country and state."

In speaking of the Widows and Orphans' Home, Grand Master Acker said:

"During this year it has been my pleasure to visit this Home as a visitor, also as a member of the Board. I cannot say enough for our Superintendent, Brother Adams, and his good wife, who assists him in conducting the Home, and for the able corps of assistants. On account of the crowded condition of the Louisville hotels I was compelled to be entertained at this Home over night, and to take breakfast with the faculty next morning, and to visit with the widows and orphans at the same time. I can now fully appreciate what it means to be entertained and raised in this splendid institution. I regret that it is not possible for more of our membership to visit this Home and to know personally of the good it is doing. If they could, we would receive more liberal donations and a lot of good advertising among the brethren throughout the state."

Of the Old Masons' Home, he said:

"On July 12, 1921, I had the pleasure of being entertained over night at this splendid Home for our old members. This Home, under its present management of Brother Smith and his wife, is being run, according to my observation, as near perfect as it is possible by human hands. I talked with a number of the old brethren and, without exception, no complaints were heard from them. It is hoped within a few months that the new addition, the hospital for the old and infirm brethren, will be under headway, as about sufficient funds have been paid in by the brethren, to not only start, but complete the work. The Board of Directors were exceedingly sorry that it was not possible to start this work at our July meeting, but on account of insufficient funds, as well as indefinite plans, made this delay necessary."

Grand Master Acker spoke of the St. John's Day League, as follows:

"There are no more loyal supporters of the Home than the St. John's Day League. To them I desire to tender my thanks for their splendid support during the year of 1921. They have been a Gibraltar in the past in the support of the Home for our widows and orphans, and every year at a time when our treasury is almost depleted they come in with a good amount of money which has for many years bridged us over the necessity of borrowing money with which to feed, clothe and educate our loved ones."

The Grand Master, concluding his address, said:

"My year's work will end October 20, 1921, at which time the affairs of the Grand Lodge will be turned over to my successor

in office. This past year has been a busy one, and sometimes when problems came up I felt like I was not equal to the occasion, but we are taught as Masons, when the wisdom of man faileth, that there is an inexhaustible supply yielded from above, and also that Masons, before undertaking any important undertaking, should apply for this aid, which was granted to me freely. I shall always remember this year as the most pleasant of my life, as in going over the state I have been close to the leading Masons of the community, and I hope that I have left with a number of them the same impressions that their associations left with me. A number of us who are gathered here today, will possibly never meet on earth again, but it is my prayer and petition that those of us who may be called hence, will some day meet in the Grand Lodge above. My parting word is to again thank you for this great honor that you conferred on me a year ago in making me your Grand Master."

John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer, presented his report, which was referred to the Finance Committee. It showed the following receipts and disbursements:

Receipts .....	\$340,846.35
Disbursements .....	155,776.04
Balance .....	\$185,070.31

Grand Secretary Dave Jackson presented his report, which was referred to the proper committees. The report shows the number of lodges to be 606. The net membership is given as 66,212.

Past Grand Master Wilhelm offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Whereas, The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, for over fifty years past, has held its annual communications in the city of Louisville, beginning on the third Tuesday of October, and

"Whereas, The State Racing Commission of Kentucky has included the week of said date for the Fall Races this year, thereby filling and congesting the hotel accommodations of Louisville to an extent beyond their capacity, and making it difficult and inconvenient to the representatives of the 65,000 Masons of Kentucky to obtain hotel accommodations, as well as the representatives of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, therefore be it

"Resolved, That, inasmuch as the Kentucky State Racing Commission is a public body, we hereby protest against and disapprove of the setting of a date conflicting with the time-honored date observed by this body, for the reason of the hardships imposed upon the 1,500 or more Masons and members of

families who annually journey to Louisville at the date given, and be it further

"Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to see if it can be arranged so that no conflict with a large assembly will occur at our future meetings; or, that we change the date of our annual communications; or, that we change the place of our annual communications to Lexington, Kentucky; and said committee to report at this session of this body in order that it may take such action as may be deemed necessary for the comfort and welfare of the representatives."

Remarks by J. E. Wilhelm, H. S. Epstein of George Washington U. D. Then referred to committee as follows: J. E. Wilhelm, F. W. Hardwick, G. Allison Holland, to be reported on at this meeting.

Past Grand Master Henry S. McElroy made the report for the Committee on Necrology, and same was adopted.

Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1921

### MORNING SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:30 a. m. Printed Proceedings of Tuesday's session were distributed among the representatives.

Past Grand Master Wilhelm, President of the Old Masons' Home, read his report, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

Past Grand Master W. C. McChord of the Special Committee on the Grundy Home made his report, which was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Past Grand Masters Veach, Burnam and Leathers.

Brother J. Bruce Davis made the report of the Committee on Credentials, which was adopted.

Brother S. P. Browning made the report of the Educational Trustees, and same was adopted. A portion of the report follows:

"During the past year we have assisted educationally forty-seven (47) children. This assistance has been rendered in almost every possible form, for it has been our purpose to adapt our work to the individual needs of each child who has come under our charge. We have no fixed plan for the reason that the circumstances of the children differ one from another. Some of the children have relatives or friends who can assist them to a greater or lesser degree; some have no one at all to whom they may look for aid. We endeavor to make the very best arrangement possible in each case to the end that our expenditures may be kept within proper limits and particularly to the end that the aid we extend may be helpful in not only educating our bene-

ficiaries but more particularly in assisting them to a condition of independence and self-support."

Past Grand Master Saunders moved that \$300.00 be paid for the operation on the girl from Bell County in charge of the Educational Committee. Carried.

S. P. Browning of the Educational Committee read the resignation of Past Grand Master Garnett. Past Grand Master Veach moved that he be requested to withdraw his resignation. Carried by a rising vote of the Grand Lodge. (Brother Garnett agreed to remain.)

Deputy Grand Master Hardwick announced that Past Grand Master Cowles had just been elected Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, A. & A. S. R.

Past Grand Master McElroy made a report with reference to a design for past grand master's button with prices on same, which was referred to the Finance Committee. The report read as follows:

"At the last communication of this Grand Lodge there was referred to me, as a committee of one, the matter of procuring a suitable sketch for a past grand master's button, together with information as to the cost thereof. I have performed that duty and submit herewith a sketch of such button together with the prices therefor. I think the sketch submitted very appropriate and the prices quite reasonable. On the basis of fifty buttons, three prices are submitted; one \$1.25 each; one \$2.65 each, and one \$3.05 each, plus the war tax of 5%. As these buttons will be worn for many years, I recommend the purchase of one of good quality, either the one at \$2.65 or the one at \$3.05, as the aggregate cost of either will be small, and those thus purchased, to-wit, fifty, will be sufficient for all past grand masters for the next twenty years.

"I feel that every past grand master will wear with pride this button, and that the Craft, also, will experience a certain pride in seeing it upon the person of those whom they have significantly honored, and I very earnestly ask that the purchase of this button be approved."

The report of the secretary of the Masonic Employment Bureau was referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of the Committee on Our Homes was read by the Grand Secretary and adopted:

"We have made a personal inspection of the plants of each of these institutions and it affords us most sincere pleasure to report that we find nothing to condemn in the management. Speaking of the Widows and Orphans' Home first, we cannot say too much in behalf of the great work which has been done by Brother T. J. Adams, Superintendent. In commending him for his services so well rendered, we do not mean to detract from

the assistance given him by his wife who is doubtless the inspiration which impels him to labor for the proper care and management of the children and widows in his care. He has shown great business judgment and there is no institution in this state or similar character or in any other state, so far as your committee is informed, has made a record for the accomplishment of good which equals the work done by our superintendent. He has shown that he possesses a broad business experience, and the Craft may point with pardonable pride to the record which he has made. \* \* \* \*

"We may again be pardoned for referring to a matter which is in charge of another committee. We refer to the Million Dollar Campaign. We know that the reaction since the close of the war has caused a great financial stringency, but the amount that each Mason is called upon to contribute is so small and the terms of payment so liberal that none can find an excuse for a failure to do his part. The committee cannot proceed with the work of erecting the new Home until the money is assured. The present building is not safe at least in one respect, and that is from destruction by fire. Every precaution that human thought can give has been taken to prevent a disaster from fire, but human thought cannot always succeed. If such a disaster should come, those who are not making possible the construction of the new Home would have the responsibility for it on their souls and we who have done our best would have to share in that responsibility. These children are the destitute children of our deceased brothers who have fallen asleep in the unfaltering belief that those they loved would be cared for by the brothers they left behind. They have no other protector save God and he works through us. They hold out their hands to us in perfect trust and it cannot be that the Craft will fail them. If the world is ever brought to the God in whom Masons believe, it must be done through the care and education of children. The work we do is not for the present alone. Each child is the beginning of a long line of those who must follow after, and throughout the ages the work we do now will continue and will not end until the Judgment Day when every one will be called to answer to the Father of all men in the Eternal Grand Lodge of Heaven. \* \* \* \*

"The Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville is commodious and splendidly equipped for taking care of those whose age or misfortune has made it impossible for them to fight alone the stern battle of life. It is a more difficult task to look after the old than it is to look after children. It is a work of love to care for them but it is always work for the individual. No race of men will start from them. They are fast approaching the glories of the sunset. Everything should be done and everything is being done to make their declining days peaceful and happy. Broth-

er Smith and his excellent wife are doing their work well. The Craft should, and we are sure it does, appreciate their faithfulness to duty.

"The only criticism that is due must be aimed at some of the lodges. Some are sent to the Home which should be otherwise cared for. If the lodges who impose upon the Craft by helping to get applications through which should be denied, would remember that it is the duty of every Mason to obey the law and that the work of a Mason should always be sacred, it would materially aid in the proper conduct of this Home.

"The Masons of Kentucky were pioneers in the establishment of Homes. They have proudly led the procession. May they continue that leadership."

Past Grand Master Clarke offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

"Resolved, That, in consideration of his eminent service to the Craft in Kentucky, in commemoration of the life so fully given to the Masonic Order, and to perpetuate and keep alive the memory of so true a Mason, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky hereby appropriates a sum of money, not to exceed three hundred and fifty dollars, for the purpose of erecting a monument over the grave of Past Grand Master Howard R. French."

Past Grand Master Smith offered the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the congratulations of this Grand Lodge be extended to Past Grand Master John H. Cowles on his election as Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, A. & A. S. R., of the Southern Jurisdiction of U. S. A., and that a telegram be sent to him embodying this resolution."

Brother A. H. Bryant made the report of the Committee on Lodges U. D., and the same was adopted.

Past Grand Master Wilhelm moved that when the Grand Lodge closed the next day it would stand closed until the next Annual Communication.

Past Grand Master Wilhelm moved that the Committee on Jurisprudence report at once on the Amendment to the Constitution on Mileage and Per Diem. Carried.

Past Grand Master Wilhelm offered a resolution that a bulletin board be placed in the Grand Secretary's office upon which the names and places of meeting of all committees be placed. Carried. The resolution read as follows:

"Resolved, That a bulletin board be displayed in the Grand Secretary's office during the sessions of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, on which shall be posted notices of the time and place of meetings of the various committees and the names of the members thereof."

Past Grand Master Burnam made the report of the Special Committee on the Grundy Home as follows, which was adopted:

"We, your committee to whom was referred the report of Wm. C. McChord, H. S. McElroy and James Garnett, relative to the will of Mrs. Sallie Grundy, of Washington County, Kentucky, beg leave to report:

"We suggest that our attorneys be continued for the ensuing year to represent the interests of the Grand Body. All of which is respectfully submitted."

Signed by John H. Leathers, S. K. Veach, and R. R. Burnam, committee.

Past Grand Master McElroy, on behalf of the O. E. S., presented to the Grand Master for the Grand Lodge a beautiful basket of flowers.

Past Grand Master Clarke moved by rising vote that they accept the flowers and the Grand Secretary write the Grand Secretary of the O. E. S. the action of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Clarke moved that after the second ballot the lowest candidate be dropped. Amended by Past Grand Master Wilhelm that all the candidates except the highest five be dropped. Carried.

Past Grand Master Wilhelm moved that after the second ballot that the Grand Lodge be called off till 2:00 p. m. Carried.

Past Grand Master Veach moved that after the fourth ballot that the candidate receiving the least number of votes be dropped and so on until an election was held. Carried.

Past Grand Master Wilhelm moved the Grand Lodge send to Past Grand Master Gerard a letter regretting that he was not able to attend the Grand Lodge session this day and the Grand Secretary send him a bunch of flowers. Carried.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was made by E. L. Cooper, and was adopted.

Brother E. H. Flanagan offered the following, which was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee:

"Resolved, That Section 116 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words 'or affiliation' in line one of said section."

The election of officers then took place with the following results:

Fred W. Hardwick (400), Grand Master.

E. E. Nelson (490), Deputy Grand Master.

A. E. Orton (628), Grand Senior Warden.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2:00 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2:10 p. m.

The election of officers continued:

H. M. Grundy (50), Grand Junior Warden.  
John H. Leathers (376), Grand Treasurer.  
Dave Jackson (144), Grand Secretary.

The following telegram from Past Grand Master John H. Cowles was read and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

Washington, D. C., Oct. 19, 1921.

H. S. McElroy, Secretary Masonic Temple, Louisville, Ky. Many, many thanks Past Grand Masters Association. Congratulations greatly appreciated.

John H. Cowles.

Past Grand Master Pettit offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to devise some plan for transforming the Masonic Home Journal, our newspaper, into a money-making enterprise for this Grand Lodge and its charities. It costs this membership exceeding \$30,000 each year to maintain it, and is increasing this sum each month at the rate of \$150.00 to \$500.00. Its weekly subscription list is more than 66,000 and should be made the greatest Masonic and advertising medium in this state.

"That Brothers R. W. Bingham, W. C. McChord, J. E. Wilhelm, Guy Johnson and Thomas S. Pettit compose this committee, empowered to thoroughly investigate this subject, with power to call for needed information and report their recommendations to the next session of this Grand Lodge."

Brother Henry Epstein, George Washington Lodge, offered the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Resolution, Prohibiting the operation, exhibition or display of games of chance, or similar devices, at picnics, outings or gatherings, held under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M.

"Whereas, It is the desire of the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky, F. & A. M., to keep picnics, outings and gatherings held under the auspices of a Masonic Lodge, or its auxiliary, free of games of chance or similar devices, of any character or description.

"Be It Therefore Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, That all wheels of chance or devices of chance of any character or description, where money or anything of value is lost or won, upon the payment or deposit of money or anything of value, shall be prohibited for use,

operation, exhibition, or display, at any picnic, outing, or gathering, held under the auspices of a Masonic Lodge or Auxiliary, coming under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons.

"This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption."

The report of the Million Dollar Committee was read by G. Allison Holland and ordered laid over until Thursday, when it would be taken up and considered together with the report of Our Homes.

The Jurisprudence Committee through its chairman, Orie S. Ware, made a report, which was adopted.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9:00 o'clock Thursday, October 20th.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1921

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

Brother J. J. Tye (187), offered the following, which was referred to Jurisprudence Committee:

"Be It Resolved, That Section 15 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, be amended, by adding certain words thereto, so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows, to-wit:

"Sec. 15. Qualifications. No person shall be eligible to an office in the Grand Lodge, unless he be a permanent member thereof, except the office of Grand Chaplain, which office may be filled by any minister who is a Master Mason, affiliated with some subordinate lodge in the State; also excepting the office of Assistant Grand Secretary, which office may be held by any Master Mason, affiliated with some subordinate lodge of the State."

Past Grand Master Saunders offered the following in behalf of the members of Daniel Boone Lodge, which was adopted:

"Upon motion of Past Grand Master J. N. Saunders, it is ordered that upon the formal assent of Richmond Lodge No. 25 and J. D. Hamilton Lodge No. 578, that Daniel Boone Lodge No. 454 be given the right to move its place of meeting from White Hall to Red House."

Past Grand Master Burnam offered the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the newly elected Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden, together with our attorneys, be and are hereby authorized to act for the best interest of this Grand Body, in the settlement of any interest we may have under the will of the late Mrs. Sallie Grundy, of Washington County, Ky."

Past Grand Master James Garnett read the following report of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky:

"Not before in the history of this Grand Lodge has it delegated to any body of men a more important commission than that given by you one year ago to the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, when you adopted the resolutions introduced by Brother S. C. Gibbs, a member of Glensboro Lodge No. 855, which is set out in full on page 106 of the Proceedings of 1920, and reads as follows:

"Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, be and they are authorized and directed to select a site in or near Louisville, which site shall contain sufficient ground for the possible needs of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary during the next century, and they will cause to be erected thereon a modern plant suitable to the care, education and needs of those persons who, under the charter and by-laws of said institution, are entitled to the benefits thereof; but the sale of the present Home property shall be held in abeyance until the future orders of this Grand Lodge."

"You thereby created, and the undersigned assumed, a most important and far-reaching trust, which includes the selection of a site for a new Home that will meet the needs of the fraternity for a hundred years, the adoption of plans and specifications for the building of a modern plant suitable for the care, needs and education of more than two thousand boys and girls who will come into the Home during the next century, and the expenditure of a million dollars which the Grand Lodge has agreed to furnish for this purpose.

"The selection of a site in or near Louisville, containing sufficient grounds to meet the needs, has required a most careful study of the growth and development of the city. The Home should have the best environments, which means that it should be located in what will be, during the next century, the residential portion of the city, so as to avoid the noise, dirt and smoke produced in the factory district. The institution should be easy of access, so that it can be conveniently visited by those who travel in street cars, automobiles and flying machines. It should be in a public place, so that those who do not enter its gates can observe the work. It should be convenient to a railway switch, in order that the coal and other freight may be handled at the lowest cost. It must be convenient to a sewerage system, so that the sewage can be disposed of at the smallest expense. It must be within the radius of the water system of

Louisville, but it also should have an auxiliary water supply in order that its activities shall not cease during any period when the water main or water plant should be out of commission. Such an auxiliary water supply necessitates the location where water can be secured by sinking wells. Further investigation may show that it will be wise to locate the Home within the limits of the City of Louisville in order that the upper grades may be sent to the public school.

"We have examined many sites offered to us, but few, if any, have met all the requirements. We have in mind at this time several sites which most nearly comply with the requirements.

"We recently employed Joseph and Joseph as our architects and have been in consultation with them and, from the best evidence we can obtain, we are of the opinion that it will cost considerably more than can be realized from the subscriptions now on hand to buy a suitable site and erect a suitable plant, no matter what plan is adopted; and before making a purchase or adopting plans we looked into the financial resources of the Grand Lodge, because we do not feel authorized to contract an obligation in excess of the contribution made for this purpose. From the Grand Secretary and the report of the Million Dollar Committee we have obtained the following information:

"There are now 606 subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, with a membership of 66,212. The number of subscriptions which were turned into the Million Dollar Committee up to October 17, 1921, aggregated 32,985 and were for sums aggregating \$970,632.60. There has been collected on these subscriptions the sum of \$387,622.59; but the expenses of the Million Dollar Committee, which amount to \$31,812.44 have been paid, which leaves the net sum of \$355,810.15. The Finance Committee composed of Brothers Leathers, Stith and Gray have, we are informed by Brother Stith, earned interest on this fund to the extent of approximately \$18,000.00 since it came into the hands of this committee, which would leave available the sum of \$373,810.15. We can safely say that a suitable site will cost approximately \$100,000.00, which would leave available for building purposes the sum of \$273,810.15.

"The subscriptions contain a provision which authorizes a cancellation by the widow or personal representative in case of the death of the subscriber. One hundred persons have taken advantage of this provision and have canceled \$3,933.40 of subscriptions. These subscriptions were made on the ten-year plan, three years of which had expired. Many subscribers have paid their subscriptions in full, and it is not believed by those who are familiar with the situation that the collections during the next three or four years will exceed \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00 a year.

Therefore, we could not, with the money in sight, build and complete a suitable plant without going into debt.

"Therefore, we come to this Grand Lodge and present these facts, asking that this Grand Lodge raise from the remaining 32,330 Masons who have not yet subscribed anything a sum sufficient to net, when added to the subscriptions already in hand, approximately \$1,250,000.00. If the Grand Lodge advises us to go forward, we will feel safe in purchasing a site and beginning the erection of suitable buildings, believing that by the time the buildings are completed enough would be collected to pay for them, or the subscriptions could be hypothecated in bank for the purpose of borrowing such sums as might be needed to complete the work.

"If the Grand Lodge does not care to adopt this plan, then we ask it for advice and directions as to how we can secure the necessary money to do the thing which it directed we should do by the resolution hereinbefore set out.

"Awaiting the advice of this sovereign body, we are: James Garnett, Fred W. Hardwick, Deputy Grand Master, Lee E. Cralle, August R. Baumer, Henry Vogt, E. E. Nelson, Harry R. Kendall, A. E. Orton, H. M. Reese, J. T. O'Neal, L. R. McCleary, Fred J. Drexler, Charles J. Rosenham, Geo. T. Cross, Thos. A. Crawford, John M. Scott, Geo. B. Winslow, H. S. McElroy."

After remarks by Past Grand Master John H. Leathers and G. Allison Holland, Past Grand Master Virgil P. Smith offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Be It Resolved, That the report of the Million Dollar Committee be approved and the work of securing subscriptions and collecting money will be continued, and the incoming Grand Master is authorized to make appointment to the Committee. It is further

"Resolved, That the report of the Board of Directors of the Masonic W. & O. Home and Infirmary be approved, and the Board of Directors including the four chief officers of this Grand Lodge and honorary member McElroy, will select such site as to them may seem best, adopt plans and cause to be erected thereon a suitable Home."

Deputy Grand Master Fred W. Hardwick announced the gift of \$10,000 in bonds from Brother Thos. J. Flourney, which was accepted by a rising vote of thanks.

The report of the Committee on Finance was made by Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm, and with exception of the clause relating to official stenographer, was adopted.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Whereas, The Grand Master has recommended the increase of initiation fees in the interest of the Craft; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That Section 140 of the Constitution be amended, so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

"No lodge shall confer the degree of Entered Apprentice for a less sum than ten dollars, which sum must accompany the petition; nor shall the degree of Fellow Craft or of Master Mason be conferred for less than ten dollars each, and in every case the fee must be paid before the candidate is prepared for the degree."

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was made by Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware, and adopted.

A. A. Hazelrigg made the report of the Committee on Appeals, and same was adopted.

Brother Mason P. Brown offered the report of the Committee on Visitors, which was adopted.

Past Grand Master H. S. McElroy, for the past grand masters of Kentucky, presented a cane and an umbrella to Grand Treasurer John H. Leathers. Brother Leathers accepted the token with appropriate remarks.

Grand Secretary Dave Jackson reappointed Brother Alex M. Woodruff (820), as Assistant Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master made the following appointments:

Grand Chaplain, Rev. R. B. Grider (73).

Grand Senior Deacon, Jas. S. Linebaugh (669).

Grand Junior Deacon, Richard P. Dietzman (760).

Grand Marshal, Geo. B. Spencer (60).

Grand Sword Bearer, Wilbert H. Tritt (190).

Grand Pursuivant, John T. Kincaid (1).

Grand Tiler, Wm. H. Hawes (760).

The Grand Master appointed the following committees:

Appeals—John R. Yeager, Danville (28); Albert A. Hazelrigg, Mt. Sterling (23); Perry B. Miller, Morganfield (66).

By-Laws—T. J. Check, Louisville (506); G. E. Alverson, Fulton (860); C. P. Rasp, Maysville (52).

Jurisprudence—O. S. Ware, Covington (109); R. Frank Peak, Bedford (158); L. T. Everett, Catlettsburg (235).

Lodges U. D.—A. H. Bryant, Covington (159); M. H. H. Davis, Paris (2); C. P. Duley, Morehead (654).

Necrology—R. W. Smith, Irvine (137).

Our Homes—P. M. Brooks, Louisville (400); E. S. Hilpp, Louisville (239); H. A. Robinson, Hopkinsville (37).

Visitation—Wm. R. Johnston, Lebanon (87); Marion C. Cecil, Pikeville (375); J. T. S. Stone, Sadieville (459).

Finance—N. J. Weller, Pineville (691); T. W. Sweatt, Morgantown (272); W. E. Pearson, Louisville (281).

Credentials—Tom C. Pettit, Bardwell (499); Chas. W. Follin, Bowling Green (73); J. R. Justice, Williamsburg (490).

Biography—Jas. E. Wilhelm, Paducah (499).

Educational—E. L. Dillehay, Harrodsburg (777); J. H. Richmond, Louisville (191); S. P. Browning, Maysville (52); James Garnett, Louisville (96); J. J. Howe, Carrollton (134).

Million Dollar Committee—G. Allison Holland, Lexington (1); H. M. Grundy, Springfield (50); Wm. Ward Duffield, Harlan (879); Geo. C. Atkinson, Earlington (548); Gordon Sulser, Maysville (52).

Foreign Correspondence—W. W. Clarke, Owensboro (130).

Past Grand Master T. J. Adams impressively installed the Grand Lodge officers, assisted by Past Grand Master E. W. Weathers.

Past Grand Master James Garnett offered the following resolution, which was adopted by rising vote:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky tender our out-going Grand Master, Brother Fred Acker, our thanks for the faithful, earnest and impartial administration of the duties of the office of Grand Master during the past year, and that our earnest prayer shall be that he may, during the years to come, enjoy health, prosperity and happiness."

Past Grand Master E. W. Weathers presented a basket of flowers to the Grand Master from the members of his locality.

Past Grand Master H. S. McElroy a bunch of flowers from Brother F. H. Johnson.

Past Grand Master S. K. Veach a bouquet of roses from Past Grand Master T. J. Adams and wife.

Brother Gordon Sulser a bouquet of flowers from his "Saturday Night Organization."

Past Grand Master G. B. Winslow a bouquet of roses on behalf of Brothers Bullock, A. G. Gans and Ed Meglemry.

Past Grand Master T. J. Adams flowers from the Scottish Rite Bodies of Covington and the children of Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware.

Past Grand Master R. F. Peak a bouquet of flowers, on behalf of the children of the Home.

The Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented the retiring Grand Master, Fred Acker, a past grand master's jewel, which was accepted with sincere thanks.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 1:50 p. m.

FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Master.

DAVE JACKSON, Grand Secretary.



## ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Fred W. Hardwick

1922

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Born 1864

Frederick William Hardwick was born in the town of Wakefield, England, May 17, 1864. Brought to this country by his parents who settled in Bowling Green, Kentucky, when he was six years old. He inherited a gentle and kindly disposition from his English parents, who reared him with regard for honor, integrity and truth, as well as enduring love for his adopted country. He attended public schools and completed his education at Ogden College, all of Bowling Green. Coming to Louisville he soon attained to prominence in business and fraternal circles. His Masonic record has few equals. It follows, and yet what is unwritten covers a wider scope than what is written. Petitioned Louisville Lodge No. 400 in 1889; he became Master in 1914, serving two years. Became Grand Junior Warden in 1918, the Grand Master in October, 1921. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Eureka Chapter No. 101, in 1890, later affiliating with King Solomon. Received the Cryptic degrees in Louisville Council, Royal and Select Masters, October 18, 1892. Became a member of DeMolay Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar, in 1890; elected Commander in 1899, and Grand Commander of Kentucky in 1918. He is a member of all the Scottish Rite Bodies, and Kosair Temple, Shrine, Boys of DeMolay and other Masonic organizations. Brother Hardwick is now serving as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and secretary of both Home Boards. To know more about him, read what his biographer, Past Grand Master Cowles, writes in Proceedings of 1922.

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FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1922

The One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons,

was held in the Shubert Building, Louisville, Ky., commencing Tuesday morning, October 17, 1922, and was opened in ample form on the Master Mason's degree at 10 o'clock, with the following officers in their stations:

Fred W. Hardwick .....	Grand Master
Emerson E. Nelson .....	Deputy Grand Master
Alpheus E. Orton .....	Grand Senior Warden
Hugh M. Grundy .....	Grand Junior Warden
John H. Leathers .....	Grand Treasurer
Alex M. Woodruff .....	Grand Secretary
Clinton B. Schoppe .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Rev. R. B. Grider .....	Grand Chaplain
James S. Linebaugh .....	Grand Senior Deacon
Richard P. Dietzman .....	Grand Junior Deacon
George B. Spencer .....	Grand Marshal
Wilbert H. Tritt .....	Grand Sword Bearer
John T. Kincaid .....	Grand Pursuivant
William H. Hawes .....	Grand Tiler

Twenty-four of the twenty-eight past grand masters were in attendance, and forty-three past masters were present. Six hundred and seven lodges were represented.

Grand Master Hardwick introduced Past Grand Master John H. Cowles, who addressed the Grand Lodge.

The address of Grand Master Hardwick was then read, in which he said:

"Throughout the year I have been deeply sensible of the high honor conferred upon me by you in making me your Grand Master. It is a distinction that I shall always cherish. To the best of my ability I have endeavored to prove worthy of the trust and build and strengthen the Craft. It is a great privilege and pleasure to welcome you to this annual communication. May old friends and brothers cement the ties that bind and add new ones, and the occasion inspire all to higher and nobler lives and zeal for the indestructible principles of Masonry. Individually and collectively we should be grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe for the many blessings bestowed upon us during this year. No darkening clouds of war over our country as in other countries. Peace and plenty and the liberties of a free people, with all the glories of the past, is our portion. Our troubles have been negligible in comparison with those of other countries. If the rulings of your Grand Master have not at all times met with approval, remember that he has striven to carry out the provisions of the Constitution, by which he and all Masons are bound, and to promote the best interests of Freemasonry. Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the Grand Jurisdiction this year. There has been a growing tendency to use the symbolic lodges, the foundation of Masonry, as

a stepping-stone for the so-called higher degrees. This hurry and display of buttons does not make men real Masons. Unless the fundamental tenets of Blue Lodge Masonry sink so deeply into their hearts that they exemplify them in their daily lives, they miss altogether the luxuries of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and the joy of sacrifice born of service to their fellowmen. At last, men are what they think in their own hearts, live and do, and not what they profess. It is a pleasure to report that this jurisdiction now has 614 flourishing lodges and more than 70,000 true and loyal members."

The Grand Master also reported the death of Grand Secretary, Past Grand Master Dave Jackson, who passed away suddenly on January 25, 1922, of which due notice was given the Craft. By voluntary contributions, a fund of \$2,231.00 was raised to erect a monument to the memory of Brother Jackson, who was buried in Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville.

On October 9, 1922, Past Grand Master Robert Rodes Bur-nam died at Richmond, Ky., and the Grand Master sent floral design. (See report of Committee on Necrology.)

One hundred and fifty dollars was allowed Miss L. R. Hosken for extra services as stenographer and bookkeeper.

Property was restored to Orion Lodge No. 222.

Grand Secretary Dave Jackson, as proxy of the Grand Master, was sent to adjust matters at Glasgow Junction Lodge No. 848, on October 25.

Suspended charter of Pond River Lodge No. 244, for willfully violating Constitution by accepting petition of a non-resident of this Jurisdiction.

Public accountants audited the books of Grand Treasurer, found them correct, and bond of \$10,000 was renewed on October 25.

Grand Secretary's books were audited January 25, and his bond of \$10,000 renewed.

On January 3, 1922, Grand Master installed Past Grand Master Dave Jackson as Grand Secretary.

On February 1, Brother Alex M. Woodruff was appointed Grand Secretary to fill out the unexpired term of Brother Dave Jackson, deceased. On August 16, approved the appointment of Brother Clinton B. Schoppe as assistant to the Grand Secretary.

On December 27, 1922, Paris Lodge No. 2 absorbed Shawhan Lodge No. 716.

February 18, allowed Brother J. T. Yeager, Pewee Valley Lodge No. 829, to refer his case to Committee on Appeals.

April 13, under Regulation 73, permitted Acme Lodge No. 851, to work under certificate, its charter having been destroyed by fire.

Grand Master Hardwick attended the annual meeting of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association at Alexandria, Va., February 21 and 22.

Hiram Bassett honor medals changed from bronze to gold, and that all other medals given to the children be made of gold.

Quoted Regulation No. 270, regarding injection of Masonry into politics.

Attended nearly all of the meetings of both Widows and Orphans' Home and Old Masons' Home, and found them in excellent condition and well managed. The children and widows could not receive more loving and careful attention than given them by the Superintendent and Matron, Brother T. J. Adams, and his excellent wife. "They are exceedingly well fitted for this good work, and I am pleased to testify to their devotion and ability."

The Board of Directors are of the opinion that the cost per capita at the new Home will be increased over 50 per cent.

In the past thirty years by assessments, gifts, benefits and otherwise, the following has been acquired:

Widows and Orphans' Home Endowments .....	\$1,000,000
Old Masons' Home .....	125,000
Higher Education Fund .....	100,000
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Total .....	\$1,225,000
For the New Home .....	1,500,000
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Grand Total ..... \$2,725,000

All this is dedicated to that great Masonic virtue, Charity, and is at the command of every brother after he has taken upon himself the obligation of a Master Mason.

Recommends that the minimum initiation fee be raised from \$20 to \$30, the extra \$10 to go into the Endowment Fund.

The expense of the Old Masons' Home is \$23,000 and the Higher Educational Committee is \$37,000.

Board of Directors of Widows and Orphans' Home ask for more care in filling application blanks.

St. John's Day League turns over to the Widows and Orphans' Home \$27,500.

Succeeds in getting Louisville Jockey Club to change dates in order not to conflict with Grand Lodge dates.

The Million Dollar Committee reported it had passed the \$1,200,000 mark but needed \$500,000 more before its work was complete.

New deed was made and acknowledged to Mr. W. C. Cummins for the property of Preachersville Lodge.

Recommends a new standard form of petition for membership.

Accepted the offer of Past Grand Master Robert Morris' Library for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, not under any consideration to be turned over to the Order of Eastern Star.

Referred to Regulation 18 regarding proper way to wear the apron.

Had to call attention of the officers of lodges to Regulation No. 40 in regard to unauthorized books.

Delivered hundreds of opinions, all covered by the Constitution and Regulations.

Made two decisions which were referred to Jurisprudence Committee (see Proceedings, page 27).

Issued fourteen dispensations for various purposes (see Proceedings, page 28). Refused five dispensation requests; granted many requests to confer degrees for other jurisdictions; granted many waivers of jurisdiction (see Proceedings, page 28).

Visited thirty-four different lodges; accompanied by Past Grand Master T. J. Adams on most trips.

Set to work the following lodges: K. B. Grahn, Sunset, Silver Grove, Rocky Chute, Symsonia, Beech Creek, Camp Knox and Royalton, either personally or by proxy.

Recommended repeal of Section No. 98, of the Constitution, and amendment to Section No. 140 of the same.

Appointed Brother Joseph Longstreet as official stenographer.

And said in conclusion: "I would be remiss in my duty if I failed to commend the Craft at large for the true spirit of Masonry manifested during the months of unsettled business conditions in which we found ourselves."

The Grand Master's address was distributed to the proper committees.

Deputy Grand Master Nelson occupied the chair while the Grand Master read his address.

Grand Treasurer John H. Leathers presented his report, which was referred to the Finance Committee. The recapitulation showed the following figures:

Balance, Oct. 1, 1921 .....	\$185,070.31
Receipts to Oct. 1, 1922 .....	208, 315.12

Total .....	\$393,385.43
Disbursements .....	214,929.61

Balance Oct. 1, 1922 .....	\$178,455.82
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For details see Proceedings, pages 32 to 46, inclusive.

Grand Secretary Alex M. Woodruff presented his report for the year ending September 30, 1922, in which he said: "We all greatly deplore the death of our beloved brother, Dave Jackson. Much has been said and written regarding the virtues of

this good man, but I want to add my testimony to him as a Mason and a friend after an acquaintance of over a quarter of a century. Being closely associated with him for that length of time, I feel that I am in a position to state that a more noble man, a better Mason or a more conscientious Christian never lived. Truly it may be said of him, he gave his life for the sake of Masonry, and I am sure that all can say:

"To know him was to love him,  
To name him but to praise."

Following Brother Woodruff's appointment as Grand Secretary, he appointed Brother Clinton B. Schoppe as his assistant.

In 1920, an assessment of twenty-five cents per capita was levied against lodges for the years 1921 and 1922 for the purpose of erecting an infirmary at the Old Masons' Home. Up to October 10, \$33,911.75 was collected and forwarded to the secretary of that institution.

The only lodge that became defunct during the year was Glasgow Junction Lodge No. 848, which expired October 25, 1921, by surrender of charter.

Shawhan Lodge No. 716 was on December 27, 1921, consolidated with Paris Lodge No. 2.

Orion Lodge No. 222 was reimbursed funds upon restoration of charter.

Committee on By-Laws considered the following: Chandlerville No. 858, Ashland No. 640, L. M. Cox No. 327, Falls City No. 376, Benton No. 701, Newport No. 358, Jerusalem No. 9, Roberts No. 172, Jenkins No. 856, B. F. Fannin No. 763, Henry Barnes No. 607, Hardin No. 781, Blue Diamond No. 892, Jeffersontown No. 774, Water Valley No. 756, W. W. Clarke No. 846, Hope No. 246, Hart No. 61, Poage No. 325, Preston No. 281, Bradford No. 123, Thos. C. Cecil No. 375, Mt. Vernon No. 14, Buechel No. 896, Canton No. 242.

Thirteen lodges U. D. seek charters (see Proceedings, pages 48 and 49). Seven appeals were referred.

Amendments to the Constitution to be acted upon this year (see Proceedings, pages 49 and 50). Later reported on by Committee on Jurisprudence.

The cost price of the Proceedings per copy for last year was something over \$3.00.

The balance due on the note of \$40,000 given the Educational Trustees on November 1, 1919, amounting to \$35,000, together with accrued interest, paid and the note cancelled.

Lodges October 20, 1921 .....	606
Instituted since report .....	8
Reinstated .....	1
 Total .....	 615
Lodges defunct .....	2
 Lodges October 17, 1922 .....	 613
Members October, 1922 .....	68,212
Received .....	3,048
 Total .....	 69,260
Free members .....	1,093
Cash balance October 1, 1921 .....	\$185,070.31
Receipts .....	208,315.12
 Total .....	 \$393,385.43
Disbursements .....	214,929.61
 Balance .....	 \$178,455.82
Assets .....	192,516.06
Liabilities .....	142,861.72
 Net worth .....	 \$49,654.34

Thirty-four lodges made late payment and thirty-two made late returns. Nine lodges failed to make any returns or payments.

Grand Secretary's report was referred to Finance Committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11 o'clock to be called on again at Old Masons' Home, Shelbyville, Kentucky, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of dedicating the Hospital. Address of welcome and presentation was made by President James E. Wilhelm (see Proceedings, pages 54, 55 and 56). The Hospital was then dedicated by Grand Master Fred W. Hardwick. Brief historical data of the Home was given. There were present between 2,500 and 3,000 Masons and their families.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until Wednesday morning, October 18, at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1922

### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:30 a. m.

Brother L. R. Dickinson presented report of Masonic Employment Bureau, which was referred to Finance Committee.

Past Grand Master James Garnett made report of Board of Directors of Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home on New Masonic Home (see Proceedings, pages 62 to 67, inclusive), which was adopted.

Brother T. J. Adams read an expressive letter from Mrs. Dave Jackson (see Proceedings, pages 67 and 68).

Past Grand Master W. C. Black introduced a resolution changing the name of Jackson Lodge to Dave Jackson Lodge. Adopted.

Brother S. P. Browning presented the report of the Educational Trustees of the Grand Lodge; same was received and ordered printed (see Proceedings, pages 71 to 83, inclusive). This report included financial statement and list of securities.

Brother T. J. Check made report for Committee on By-Laws, which was adopted. (See Proceedings, page 84.)

Brother A. H. Bryant made report for Committee on Lodges U. D. (See Proceedings, pages 84, 85, 86, and 87.)

Elkhorn Lodge introduced resolution relating to physical qualification of candidates. Referred to Jurisprudence Committee.

Brother Perry B. Miller addressed the Grand Lodge explaining why the children of the Home were unable to give their usual entertainment, and presented the Grand Master with a beautiful collection of flowers from the children.

Past Grand Master Charles H. Fisk offered a resolution regarding the proper way to wear the apron (see Proceedings, pages 88, 89, 90 and 91). Referred to Jurisprudence Committee.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Emerson E. Nelson, Grand Master; Alpheus E. Orton, Deputy Grand Master; Hugh M. Grundy, Grand Senior Warden; G. Allison Holland, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand Treasurer; Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary. Alex M. Woodruff's term as Grand Secretary expired December 31, 1922.

Brother Thos. C. Wilkerson introduced a resolution concerning concurrent jurisdiction (see Proceedings, pages 91 and 92), which was referred to Jurisprudence Committee.

Library of Past Grand Master Rob Morris presented to the Grand Lodge, Brother H. R. Coleman, the donor, being present.

Brother P. M. Brooks presented reports on Our Homes (see Proceedings, pages 92 and 93).

Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment till 2:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:30 p. m.

Telegrams of sympathy were ordered sent to Brothers Barret and Witt, who were unable to be present on account of illness.

Past Grand Master Wilhelm introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the special assessment of twenty-five cents per capita for the Old Masons' Home be continued for another year, the proceeds thereof to be used for remodeling the main building and for general purposes."

Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware made report of the Jurisprudence Committee (see Proceedings, pages 94 to 101, inclusive).

Past Grand Master James Garnett moved that the Grand Master send a telegram to Past Grand Master Frank Gerard who was confined to his home in Bowling Green. Carried.

Past Grand Master Thos. C. Pettit made supplemental report for Committee on Credentials (see Proceedings, pages 101 to 104, inclusive).

Motion that remarks of Past Grand Master Leathers be printed in the Proceedings was made. Carried (see pages 104 and 105).

Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1922

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9 o'clock a. m.

Grand Master-elect Nelson received telegram of congratulations from Governor Morrow.

Brother Robert W. Smith presented report of Committee on Necrology (see Proceedings, pages 106 to 109, inclusive).

Brother N. J. Weller made report for the Finance Committee:  
Estimated income ..... \$200,000.00  
Estimated disbursements ..... 169,115.00

Estimated surplus ..... \$30,885.00

(See Proceedings, pages 109, 110 and 111 for detailed statement.)

Past Grand Master Virgil P. Smith moved that all subordinate lodges be allowed to amend their by-laws to conform to the new minimum fee without referring to the Committee on By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. Carried.

Grand Senior Warden A. E. Orton introduced a resolution appropriating \$7,000 for the purpose of erecting a Masonic recreation building at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 79, located at Dawson Springs, Kentucky, for the use of Masons and their families. Adopted.

Brother G. Allison Holland offered a report for the Million Dollar Committee, in which it was stated:

"Last year we showed that the subscriptions amounted to \$970,632.70, and that of that amount \$387,622.59 had been paid

in cash. This year it is our very great pleasure to report that up to October 1, 1922, the subscriptions amounted to \$1,130,053.56, of which sum \$502,927.59 have been paid in cash." (See Proceedings, pages 112, 113 and 114.) Adopted.

Brother Perry B. Miller reported for Committee on Appeals (see Proceedings, pages 115, 116 and 117). With one exception the report was adopted.

A resolution referring to salaries of Grand Officers (see Proceedings, page 118), introduced by Brother J. R. Thomas, was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence. Later recommended to lay over one year.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke presented his report of "Doings of Other Grand Lodges." (See Proceedings, Appendix, pages 1 to 64, inclusive.)

Grand Secretary Alex M. Woodruff reappointed Brother Clinton B. Schoppe as Assistant Grand Secretary until January 1, 1923.

The Grand Master made the following appointments:

Walter J. Piggott (868), Grand Senior Deacon; Will Ward Duffield (879), Grand Junior Deacon; Rev. J. P. Scraggs (177), Grand Chaplain; George B. Spencer (65), Grand Marshal; H. D. Rogers (710), Grand Sword Bearer; John X. Taylor (548), Grand Pursuivant; William H. Hawes (760), Grand Tiler.

He appointed the following committees:

Appeals—Albert A. Hazelrigg, Perry B. Miller and John R. Yeager.

By-Laws—Charles McMillan, C. P. Rasp and George A. Lewis.

Jurisprudence—Orie S. Ware, R. Frank Peak and Wm. H. McDonald.

Lodges U. D.—Alfred H. Bryant, J. P. Kelsey and John L. Phillips.

Necrology—Henry S. McElroy.

Our Homes—James I. Rathburn, Ben Johnson and John C. McKee.

Visitations—Samuel D. Boden, John C. Wells and W. C. Brown.

Finance—J. W. Brown, J. Arch Bailey and J. A. Frazier.

Credentials—R. W. Smith, W. Frazier Dunlap and Chas. A. Nelson.

Biography—John H. Cowles.

Educational—J. H. Richmond, S. P. Browning, James Garnett, John J. Howe and E. R. Dillehay.

Million Dollar Committee—G. Allison Holland, Will Ward Duffield, A. Gordon Sulser, Hugh M. Grundy and Geo. Atkinson.

Foreign Correspondence—Wm. W. Clarke.

Past Grand Master T. J. Adams impressively installed the following officers:

Emerson E. Nelson, Grand Master; Alpheus E. Orton, Deputy Grand Master; Hugh M. Grundy, Grand Senior Warden; G. Allison Holland, Grand Junior Warden; John H. Leathers, Grand

Treasurer; Rev. J. P. Scraggs, Grand Chaplain; Walter J. Piggott, Grand Senior Deacon; Will Ward Duffield, Grand Junior Deacon; George B. Spencer, Grand Marshal; H. D. Rogers, Grand Sword Bearer; John X. Taylor, Grand Pursuivant; Wm. H. Hawes, Grand Tiler.

Grand Secretary Fred Hardwick to be installed in January, 1923.

Assistant Grand Secretary Alex M. Woodruff's term would expire December 31, 1922.

At the request of Grand Secretary Alex M. Woodruff, Past Grand Master John H. Cowles presented retiring Grand Master Fred W. Hardwick a past grand master's jewel.

Eleven lodges did not respond to final roll call, and this same number were not represented during the session.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 2:00 p. m.

EMERSON E. NELSON, Grand Master.

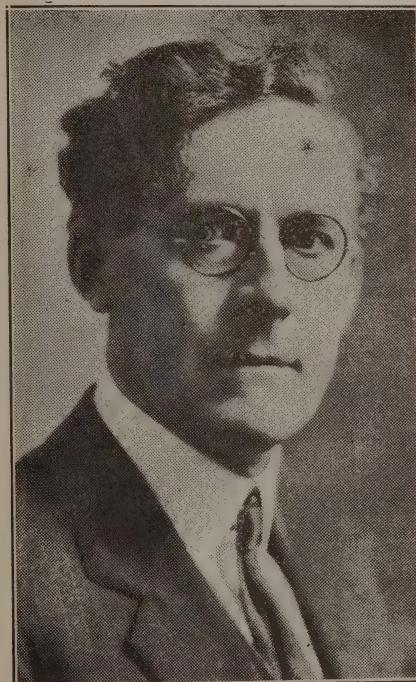
ALEX M. WOODRUFF, Grand Secretary.

Thursday afternoon, October 19, 1922, at 3 o'clock, the Craft met at Cave Hill Cemetery for the unveiling of a monument erected by the Masons of Kentucky to the memory of Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Dave Jackson. An appropriate program was rendered, the children of the Widows and Orphans' Home taking part.



## ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Emerson E. Nelson

1923

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Born 1869

Brother Emerson E. Nelson was born in Knox County, Tennessee, July 26, 1869, the son of J. M. Nelson and Frances Bayless Nelson. When seventeen years old his family moved to Williamsburg, Whitley County, Kentucky. He entered Williamsburg Academy and graduated from that institution in 1892. After completing his education he studied pharmacy, completed that course in 1895, and in an examination before the State Board of Pharmacy he was passed and granted a license as a registered pharmacist. Almost immediately he opened up a mercantile establishment in Williamsburg, conducting a drug store in connection therewith, which business he is continuing up until this time in a very highly successful manner.

In 1896, January 18, he married Miss Lida Meadows. In early life he affiliated with the Baptist Church and has been a true and consistent member thereof being regular in attendance at the regular church services and Sunday School sessions.

He was made a Mason in Williamsburg Lodge No. 490, Williamsburg, Kentucky, in 1900. In 1914, he was elected Master, and again in 1919 was elected to the same office. He is Past High Priest of Kenn-Tenn Chapter No. 148, Royal Arch Masons; Past Eminent Commander of Cumberland Commandery No. 40, K. T.; a member of Kosair Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. of Louisville; Past Worthy Patron of Venus Chapter, O. E. S., Williamsburg, and Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, O. E. S., having served in that capacity in 1930.

At the One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Session of Grand Lodge, State of Kentucky, held in Louisville, Kentucky, October, 1919, he was elected Grand Junior Warden. In October, 1920, he was elected Grand Senior Warden; Deputy Grand Master in October, 1921, and Grand Master in 1922, in which capacity he served the

Masons of Kentucky with the utmost fairness and impartiality. His rulings and edicts during his term of office received the endorsement of the Grand Lodge at the end of his administration. In politics he is a Republican and at one time was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, but was defeated. However, he served a term in the Kentucky Legislature as a member of the House in 1922.

### FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1923

The One Hundred and Twenty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., was held in the Shubert Building, Louisville, Kentucky, beginning Tuesday morning, October 16, 1923, at 10:00 o'clock, and was opened in ample form on the Master Mason's degree, Most Worshipful Grand Master Emerson E. Nelson presiding, assisted by the following Grand Officers:

Alpheus E. Orton .....	Deputy Grand Master
Hugh M. Grundy .....	Grand Senior Warden
G. Allison Holland .....	Grand Junior Warden
James Garnett .....	Grand Treasurer
Fred W. Hardwick .....	Grand Secretary
Alex M. Woodruff .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Rev. J. P. Scraggs .....	Grand Chaplain
Walter J. Piggott .....	Grand Senior Deacon
Will Ward Duffield .....	Grand Junior Deacon
George B. Spencer .....	Grand Marshal
H. D. Rogers .....	Grand Sword Bearer
John X. Taylor .....	Grand Pursuivant
William H. Hawes .....	Grand Tiler

There were out of the 28 living past grand masters 26 present, the two absentees being Brother Frank Gerard, a member of Bowling Green Lodge No. 73, Bowling Green, Ky., who was elected Grand Master in 1895 and served until October, 1896, and the other, Brother John H. Cowles, a member of Louisville Lodge No. 400, now Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, headquarters Washington, D. C.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky was given a hearty welcome to Louisville by the Mayor, Brother Huston Quin, member of Crescent Hill Lodge No. 820. Brother Past Grand Master Thos. S. Pettit offered a resolution "that the Grand Lodge extend its thanks to Brother Quin for his splendid address and that same be printed in full in our Proceedings." The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Brother Past Grand Master Earl W. Weathers introduced Brother A. E. McCulloch, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, who was accorded the Grand Honors. He addressed Grand Lodge briefly.

### THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

In opening his address to the Grand Lodge, Grand Master Nelson said:

"It gives me much pleasure to welcome you to this session of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Masons. It is no light privilege we enjoy in thus meeting together to rekindle the fires of friendship, and to take counsel for the welfare of those objects to which this Order is devoted. As we enter this One Hundred and Twenty-third Annual Communication, our hearts are grateful to God for the blessings our Craft has received, and for the opportunities the year has afforded us to make practical manifestation of our purposes \* \* \* \* If we fail to lead we shall be unworthy of those Masons of our own State who conceived the idea of building here a Masonic Home—the first in the United States. To go forward in the spirit which animated those pioneers of charity, and raise a fund for building the New Home for widows and orphans has seemed to me the most important special work committed to my administration. The response to our efforts has been whole-hearted and refreshing, and though we have not yet fully attained our object, the attitude of our lodges is an assurance of success."

He regretfully reported the death of Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, Brother John H. Leathers, who died in the early hours of the morning, June 29, 1923. He also reported the fact that Brother Leathers had served the Grand Lodge of Kentucky as Grand Treasurer forty-three consecutive years.

He also reported the death of Brother Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, which occurred August 3, 1923.

### APPOINTMENT OF GRAND TREASURER

In his report to Grand Lodge, he said:

"Upon the death of our Grand Treasurer I feel that I was fortunate in securing to fill the place one so distinguished and so worthily honored by our Craft as our distinguished Past Grand Master James Garnett, formerly of Columbia, but now of Louisville. On Saturday, July 7, 1923, I installed Past Grand Master James Garnett in Parkland Lodge No. 638, all of the elective Grand Officers being present."

He appointed Joseph Longstreet, official stenographer to report the proceedings of the one hundred and twenty-third annual communication of Grand Lodge.

He reported that during the year three lodges had been destroyed by fire; namely, Landrum Lodge No. 448, Wingo, Graves County; Woodbine Lodge No. 866, Woodbine, Whitley County, and Masons' Creek Lodge No. 423, Calhoun, McLean County.

Mayfield Lodge No. 679 and Hinton Lodge No. 369, both located at Mayfield, Ky., were consolidated under the name and number of Mayfield Lodge No. 369. This consolidation was consummated with the issuing of the Grand Master's proxy to Past Grand Master Fred W. Hardwick, who officiated at the ceremony of consolidation.

The usual number of dispensations were granted and refused and a number of lodges visited with the usual requests from an equal number of lodges which could not be complied with.

A number of opinions, decisions, and edicts were rendered during the year by Grand Master Nelson, the most prominent of which was the edict against an organization known as the Ku-Klux Klan, forbidding members of the fraternity holding membership in such organization.

He spoke very highly of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and paid a glowing tribute to the Order of Eastern Star which ended by his recommending that the Order of Eastern Star be granted official recognition by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

In closing his address, he said:

"I can, therefore, give no more serious or important admonition than that this great fraternity demand a higher standard of morality, and that it suffer no man to bear its name unless his character is really clean and good.

"In closing let me thank my associates in office, and those who have helped get my report in shape, and all who have given me assistance, for their kindness and forbearance. And now as I am about to relinquish the high honor with which one year ago you so generously clothed me, it is with a deepened appreciation of the meaning of fraternal friendship, with an enlarged view of the field of Masonic Service, and with a growing enthusiasm for the causes, dear to the hearts of all true Masons, that make us one, and that quickens us to noble endeavor."

#### GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Past Grand Master Brother James Garnett offered his report as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, covering the fiscal year from October 1, 1922, to October 1, 1923:

"I submit herewith the report of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge covering the fiscal year from October 1, 1922, to October 1, 1923.

"Our beloved Brother, John H. Leathers, who for forty-three years filled the position to the entire satisfaction of the Craft, passed to his reward on June 29, 1923.

"I gladly accepted the position as his successor when it was tendered me by Most Worshipful Grand Master Nelson, because it is an honor worthy the aspiration of any Mason. In this ca-

pacity I believe I can be of service to the Craft and to be the successor of Major Leathers is a compliment which any Kentuckian might with propriety covet.

"In the short time I have served you I am persuaded that we did not fully appreciate the great service rendered the Masons of the State by our departed brother, who with modesty filed his annual report without comment."

The total receipts and disbursements for the year were as follows:

Total Receipts .....	\$401,022.13
Total Disbursements .....	192,249.35

Balance, October 1, 1923 .....	\$208,772.78
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An explanatory sheet of the disbursements are classified as follows:

Mileage and Per Diem .....	\$ 15,658.44
Board Meetings, Visiting Lodges, etc. ....	861.77
Refund of Excess Payments, Ret. Checks .....	3,326.05
Educational Trustees .....	22,000.00
Masonic Home Journal .....	37,490.00
Old Masons' Home and Infirmary .....	31,952.50
Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home .....	69,534.75
Appropriations .....	500.00
Printing, Stationery, and Postage .....	1,155.98
Rents and Salaries .....	8,357.79
Miscellaneous and Sundry Expenses .....	1,412.07
 Total .....	 \$192,249.35

#### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Brother Fred W. Hardwick offered his first annual report for the year ending September 30, 1923. In the beginning of his report he said:

"We have had a prosperous year; thirty-eight hundred and seventy-nine names having been added to our roll, and were it not for the large number of suspensions we could be justly proud of our record. This loss is evidently an aftermath of the World War, although I find in jurisdictions having twice the number of members and much higher dues, suspensions less than one-third that of ours. We have lost fourteen hundred and eighty-two members, nine hundred and four of whom were suspended during the month of August, and the larger part of them was during the last week in that month, therefore preventing any of them from being reinstated during this fiscal year."

His report showed that on October 18, 1922, there were 613 lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge. During the year one lodge, Pilot No. 77, surrendered its charter, and Hinton and May-

field Lodges consolidated, leaving the total number of lodges on the roster 612. The returns as of August 31, 1922, gave the membership as 69,260. Since that time 3,879 were initiated, 708 were admitted and 433 reinstated, making a total of 5,020. Thirty-eight members were expelled, 947 demitted, 1,482 suspended, and 787 died, making a total of 3,254. This was an apparent gain of 1,766, bringing the membership, as of this date (October 1, 1923) to 71,026.

Past Grand Master Wm. C. Black offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

#### EXPULSION

"Be it Resolved, That Section 181 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be amended, so that, when amended, it shall read as follows:

"Sec. 181. Before Term Expires. To restore one expelled or suspended, before the expiration of the time named in the sentence, shall require regular petition, reference to committee, action deferred for one month, report of committee and unanimous ballot by the lodge that sentenced him, if in existence; if, however, that lodge be defunct, the restoration can only be made by the Grand Lodge. Provided, an expelled member shall not be reinstated within two years from the date of his expulsion."

Past Grand Master Wilhelm, President of the Old Masons' Home, read his report, which was referred to Committee on Our Homes, on motion and seconded.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Master Wilhelm, which was referred to Committee on Our Homes:

"Resolved, That the proceeds of the extra assessment of the year just closed and paid to the Old Masons' Home be used and spent for improving and beautifying the property, and for no other purpose."

The following was offered by J. W. Hendershot (266), which was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence:

"To the Grand Lodge of Kentucky:

"Resolved, That the recent law requiring lodges to ask sister lodges to appoint a committee to investigate and report on rejected candidates be changed so as to limit the time of the lodge so requested to investigate and report to the lodge making the request to sixty (60) days.

"If said report is not made in the lodge making the request said lodge has full power and authority to proceed to act on the petition and elect or reject the applicant."

Grand Master appointed Past Grand Masters S. K. Veach and Fred Acker to escort Past Grand Master Thomas Pettit to the seat at the right of the Grand Master as the oldest living

Past Grand Master. Past Grand Master Pettit addressed the Grand Lodge expressing his appreciation of the honor.

Past Grand Master H. S. McElroy presented the report for the Committee on Necrology, which was adopted.

The following was offered by Past Grand Master Fisk, and was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Resolved, That Section One Hundred (100) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons be, and the same is now repealed, and that in lieu thereof, there be adopted the following:

"Sec. 100. In cities and contiguous territory. In cities, of any class, having two or more lodges, the jurisdiction shall be concurrent.

"Any person eligible for the Masonic degrees, who shall reside at any point between a city of the second class and a city of any other class (as at any time designated by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky), in the same country, may, at his option, petition for membership in any lodge in either of said cities, or in the lodge, outside of either of said cities, nearest to the place of his legal residence.

"Offered by Chas. H. Fisk and John Logan Rees, under resolution of Golden Rule Lodge No. 345."

The Grand Master announced the entertainment by the children of the Home would be at 2:30 p. m.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:30 till 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1923

### MORNING SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:00 a. m. Printed proceedings of the first day's session were distributed among the representatives.

The Grand Secretary presented Brother E. E. Swann, Past Grand Master of Minnesota. Brother Swann was received with Grand Honors and addressed the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Wilhelm offered the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to have the photographs of the Past Grand Masters of Kentucky, now hung in his office, placed in panels around the top of the walls therein, near the ceiling. Each panel of uniform size. He is also instructed to sell or dispose of to the best advantage, the frames now containing said photographs."

Brother J. H. Richmond, chairman of the Educational Committee, made that report, which was adopted.

L. R. Dickinson, secretary of the Masonic Employment Bureau, made a report, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The following telegram was read and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 17, 1923.

Fred W. Hardwick,  
Grand Secretary,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

Grand Lodge of Missouri sends fraternal greetings. May your present communication be your best yet.

Bert S. Lee, Grand Master.

Past Grand Master Clarke moved that telegrams of fraternal greetings be sent to the Grand Lodges of Missouri and Ohio.

Brother A. H. Bryant made the report for the Committee on Lodges U. D., which was adopted.

Past Grand Master B. G. Witt introduced Dr. W. H. Kuhn, High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, who was received with Grand Honors. Dr. Kuhn addressed the Grand Lodge, expressing appreciation of the welcome accorded him.

Brother Geo. A. Lewis made the report for the Committee on By-Laws, which was adopted.

Brother Hanson Peterson offered the following, which was made a special order of business at 2 o'clock:

"Whereas, In the report of the Grand Master made to this body at its 1921 Communication and also in the Report of the Grand Master at its Communication now in session, reference was made to organizations other than Masonic bodies, which references have and will continue to cause dissension among the Craft and may and likely will cause strife, instead of fostering harmony. Therefore be it

"Resolved, That any reference to any organization other than Masonic, have, and should have no place in the records of this Grand Body and are hereby disapproved."

Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware made the report for the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Grand Master Nelson appointed A. B. Rouse, Guy T. Johnson, C. O. Osborn and J. W. Wyatt, tellers.

The following officers were elected:

A. E. Orton, Grand Master; H. M. Grundy, Deputy Grand Master; G. Allison Holland, Grand Senior Warden; Chas. S. Rankins, Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett, Grand Treasurer; Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary.

Brother J. W. Juett offered the following, which was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence:

"Be it Resolved, That Section 163 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto words as follows, to-wit:

"No suspensions for non-payment of dues shall be made by any lodge during the months of July and August.

"Sec. 163. NOTICE BEFORE ACTION. No brother shall be suspended for non-payment of dues until he shall have been notified by registered mail, or personal service, of the amount of his indebtedness, and of the time when the lodge will consider the question as to whether he ought or ought not to be suspended for such non-payment, which notice shall be given not less than thirty days next before the date fixed for such hearing. The facts as to when and how such notice was given shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting when action in the case is taken. No suspensions for non-payment of dues shall be made by any lodge during the months of July and August."

Brother W. Frazier Dunlap submitted the report for the Committee on Credentials, which was adopted.

Brother J. C. McKee made the report for the Committee on Our Homes, which was adopted.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:40, to be called on again at 2 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock p. m. A telegram was received from the Grand Lodge of Ohio which was read and ordered printed in the Proceedings as follows:

Springfield, Ohio, Oct. 17, 1923.

Fred W. Hardwick,  
Grand Secretary,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio assembled in annual Communication, sends greetings and good wishes to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

J. H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 1:30 a. m., Thursday, October 18, 1923.

#### . THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1923

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 8:45 a. m.

Printed proceedings of the preceding day's session were distributed among the representatives.

The Million Dollar Committee report was made by Brother A. G. Sulser, and adopted.

Past Grand Master Veach offered the following, which was adopted:

"Be it Resolved, That when the New Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home is builded, it shall be builded on the new site east of the limits of this city, already purchased by the Directors of the Home."

Brother E. L. Stephens of the Committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted with some exceptions.

Brother Grand Secretary moved that the badges now being worn by the representatives be presented to each as his personal property. Motion seconded and carried.

Past Grand Master Adams addressed the Grand Lodge and asked that something be done to relieve the congestion of the Home now existing.

#### AMENDMENTS

The Grand Master then announced that the next business before the house was the consideration of the Constitutional Amendment referred to the Jurisprudence Committee at the Annual Communication in 1922, which said committee reported at that time that said amendment should lie over one year. Said amendment reads as follows:

Section 77 to read: "The Grand Secretary shall be paid a salary of \$3,600.00 per annum, payable monthly. He shall also be paid for copies of records and documents, ten cents per hundred words; also one dollar for affixing the seal of the Grand Lodge to all transcripts and certificates requiring the same. PROVIDED, he shall not be paid any fee for affixing said seal to documents authorized by the Grand Lodge for its use."

Motion to adopt the amendment was made by Brother C. H. Brown (506) and duly seconded.

The vote having been taken, the Grand Master declared that said amendment was adopted by a three-fourths majority, that being more than the Constitution required.

An appeal from the announcement of the vote by the Grand Master was demanded, whereupon, he, the Grand Master, decided that no appeal could be taken from the announcement of a vote; but that in order to satisfy every one in the Grand Lodge he would take the vote over again; and having called for a rising vote, the Grand Master decided, and so announced, after the count, that the amendment was adopted by more than a three-fourths majority.

Section 75 to read as follows:

That Section 75 of the Constitution be amended so it will read as follows:

"That the actual expenses, not exceeding \$1,000 per annum, of the Grand Master in the discharge of the duties appertaining to that office be paid. He will submit to the Grand Secretary an itemized statement monthly and the Grand Secretary will then draw a warrant in his favor therefor."

Adopted by two-thirds vote.

Past Grand Master Peak offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Be it Resolved, That the Elective Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge, together with the Directors of the Widows and Orphans' Home be and they are hereby authorized to make such extensions and improvements at the Home as they may deem necessary in order to care for immediate claimants on the Home, and that the Grand Officers be empowered to pledge the credit of this Grand Lodge for such sum as may be necessary therefor."

Brother R. P. Dietzman made the report for the Special Committee on Questionnaire, as follows:

"Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of a questionnaire to be annexed to petitions for initiation, begs leave to report as follows:

"Your Committee secured from a great many jurisdictions sample forms of the questionnaires there in use. Some of them are very elaborate and some are rather scanty. When carefully analyzed, however, it was found that these questionnaires, when answered, would reveal but little more information than our own present form of petition when filled out. The additional information obtained by these questionnaires covers practically only the business or occupation of the petitioner, and his church affiliations.

"Your Committee feels that these matters are well known to members of lodges outside the larger cities, and the information secured by our present form of petition is ample for their needs. In the larger cities it may be that the lodges would like some information additional to that now obtained by our petition form. But your Committee feels that it would be wiser to leave this matter to the discretion of such lodges.

"Your Committee, therefore, recommends that our form of petition be not changed but that any subordinate lodge may, if it so desires, require from petitioners such additional reasonable information concerning themselves as the lodge may deem necessary for its proper consideration of their petitions."

Report adopted.

The report of the Committee on Appeals was made by Brother A. A. Hazelrigg, and adopted.

Grand Treasurer James Garnett moved that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Past Grand Master Nelson

for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Craft during the past year. Motion seconded by Past Grand Master Clarke and carried.

Grand Secretary Hardwick appointed Brother Alex M. Woodruff as Assistant Grand Secretary.

Grand Master Orton appointed the following officers:

Albert Nichols, Grand Chaplain; C. D. Vincent, Grand Senior Deacon; Richard P. Dietzman, Grand Junior Deacon; W. L. Nichols, Grand Marshal; Chas. E. Petrey, Grand Sword Bearer; Forrest B. Heath, Grand Pursuivant; W. H. Hawes, Grand Tiler; W. W. Clarke, Correspondent.

The Grand Lodge was called to refreshment at 12:30 p. m.

Brother Ollie Peak presented Grand Matron, O. E. S., Mrs. Laura J. Gideon, of Paducah, who spoke and presented handsome umbrellas to Past Grand Master Nelson and Grand Master Orton.

The public installation of Grand Officers was held, conducted by Past Grand Master Nelson.

Past Grand Master Garnett presented Brother Nelson with a beautiful past grand master's jewel.

Past Grand Master Nelson and Grand Master Orton were recipients of many presents at the hands of friends and brothers.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 1:00 o'clock.

The Grand Master made the following committee appointments:

Appeals—Perry B. Miller, John R. Yeager, Sam K. Veach.

By-Laws—Guy T. Johnson, George P. Ginn, Miles H. H. Davis.

Credentials—G. W. Towery, G. C. McAuley, C. G. Moreland.

Finance—H. H. Holeman, Wm. E. Keith, B. L. Trevathan.

Jurisprudence—Orie S. Ware, J. T. O'Neal, E. E. Nelson.

Lodges U. D.—A. H. Bryant, Wm. M. Crawford, J. W. Lampton.

Necrology—Henry S. McElroy.

Our Homes—Fred Acker, John S. Lawrence, J. A. Kaltenbrun.

Proceedings of Other Grand Lodges—W. W. Clarke.

Visitors—Walter Trinkle, R. W. Smith, A. R. Kennedy.

Biography—W. H. McDonald.

Educational Trustees—S. P. Browning, John J. Howe, Chas. A. McMillan, E. R. Dillehay, Chas. P. Weaver, Frank E. Shattuck, James H. Richmond.

Million Dollar Committee—G. Allison Holland, Will Ward Dufield, A. Gordon Sulser, Hugh M. Grundy, Frank D. Rash.

Work—James E. Wilhelm, Walter J. Piggott, Henry S. McElroy, T. J. Adams, Joe H. Ewalt, Orie S. Ware, E. E. Nelson.

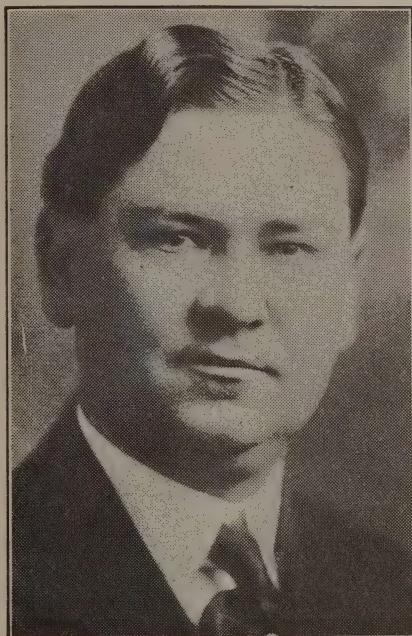
After the roll call the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 1:50 p. m.

A. E. ORTON, Grand Master.

FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Alpheus Everett  
Orton

1924

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Born 1875

Alpheus Everett Orton was born at Hanson, Hopkins County, Ky., February 15, 1875, the family coming from North Carolina. He spent his life in Hopkins County, engaged in farming. Came to Dawson Springs in 1901, where he engaged in the mineral water business and is still engaged therein. Brother Orton attended the public schools in Hopkins County and graduated from the College of Pharmacy at Louisville in 1896. He is a member of the Christian Church and happily married; also takes great interest in the civic affairs of his community. He was initiated in Dawson Lodge No. 628, January 3, 1903, and became Master in 1906, also serving in 1916 and 1917. Received Capitular degrees in Madisonville Chapter, later demitting to Dawson Springs Chapter No. 179, where he served as High Priest. Received the Cryptic degrees in Princeton Council No. 43, September, 1921. Knighted in Madisonville Commandery No. 27, October, 1906, later demitting to Princeton Commandery No. 35. He received the degrees of the Scottish Rite, from the fourth to the thirty-second, in the Grand Consistory of Kentucky at Louisville, April, 1920. He is a Past Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star. Was an ex-officio member of both Home Boards. His biographer says: "With confidence it can be said that our distinguished brother served the Craft with an excellent record."

## FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1924

The One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was held in the Shubert Building, Louisville, commencing Tuesday morning, October 21, 1924, and was opened in ample form on the Master Mason's degree at 10 o'clock. Grand Officers present:

Alpheus E. Orton .....	Grand Master
Hugh M. Grundy .....	Deputy Grand Master
G. Allison Holland .....	Grand Senior Warden
Charles S. Rankins .....	Grand Junior Warden
James Garnett .....	Grand Treasurer
Fred W. Hardwick .....	Grand Secretary
Alex M. Woodruff .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Rev. Albert E. Nichols .....	Grand Chaplain
C. D. Vincent .....	Grand Senior Deacon
Richard P. Dietzman .....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. L. Nichols .....	Grand Marshal
Charles E. Petrey .....	Grand Sword Bearer
Forest B. Heath .....	Grand Pursuivant
Wm. H. Hawes .....	Grand Tiler

Twenty-five of the twenty-nine living past grand masters were present, also one hundred and twenty past masters. Six hundred and fifteen lodges were represented.

Grand Master Orton delivered his address, from which is quoted the following:

"The cycle of the wheel of Masonic progress brings us to this milestone in the history of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and I extend to you a hearty and fraternal welcome and wish that when we turn our faces homeward it will be with a determination to make the coming year the most prosperous and best of all years. With a full realization of the important duties assumed one year ago, I have avoided any conscious act or abuse of that authority, and I now submit for your consideration an account of my acts as your official representative. As you view the year's accomplishments, your Grand Master would ask but one favor—that you view charitably the part he assumed in the work. While our membership has not increased during the past year as much as it did during the war, however, we have had a very substantial, healthy growth, our roster showing at this report 72,603 members in 613 lodges. The character of our membership is the most important element of our strength, and to its purity we should apply our zeal. Ours is a fraternity which emphasizes not the spectacular, but the simple fundamental principles of a worthy life; a fraternity whose mission is to build character in men, which will find its true expressions in private and public morality and which will exhibit in all human relations the di-

vine wisdom of love. My ambition for every Kentucky Mason is that he may catch the real vision of Masonry; the vision of service and usefulness. My one great aim during the year has been to follow by precept and example the narrow path of duty as outlined, and to prove myself worthy of the important trust and confidence bestowed upon me."

The Grand Master also stated that death had not broken the chain of Grand Lodge officers, but that he was pained to announce the deaths of Past Master H. M. Reese of Compass Lodge; Past Master Frank H. Johnson of Louisville Lodge, and Brother James A. Hodges, secretary of the Old Masons' Home. Committee on Necrology will make report.

Approved the bond of Grand Treasurer James Garnett and Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick, following review of official accountants. The Finance Committee will note.

On January 8, 1924, installed Brother Fred W. Hardwick as Grand Secretary at a regular communication of Dawson Lodge No. 628 in the presence of many visitors.

On October 31, 1923, appointed J. T. O'Neal, Falls City Lodge No. 376, on Jurisprudence Committee to fill vacancy of James D. Black, resigned, and appointed Charles E. Petrey, Hazard Lodge No. 676, Grand Sword Bearer.

Appointed Brother Joseph Longstreet to report the proceedings of this meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Appointed Brother W. A. Guthrie, Simpson Benevolent Lodge No. 177, Grand Lecturer.

Granted dispensations for the following lodges U. D.: Hardburly, November 30, 1923; Alford, December 11, 1923; Petersburg, June 25, 1924.

Granted dispensations to ten lodges to conduct various functions; and refused thirteen for like requests. Appointed eleven proxies for different purposes.

November 3, 1923, attended laying of the cornerstone of George Washington National Masonic Memorial building at Alexandria, Va., and on February 22, 1924, attended a meeting of that association.

During the year made seventy visitations to various lodges, and issued four circular letters.

Received many requests for exchange courtesies with other Grand Jurisdictions.

Six complaints were filed (see Proceedings, pages 34 and 35), to which responses were made.

Arrested the charter of Atterson Lodge No. 818 for certain irregularities violating our laws.

Recommended that lodges comply with Sections 95 and 96 and Regulation 39, and have the offices of secretary and treasurer bonded, having the premiums paid from the lodge treasury.

The Grand Master is of the opinion that there is great necessity of uniform work in the lodges and that lodges of instruction should be provided to secure such result.

See Proceedings, pages 36 and 37, for activities connected with George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

For the increase in the Grand Lodge Educational Trustees the Grand Master appointed Brothers Frank E. Shattuck and Charles F. Weaver.

St. John's Day League gave the Home \$17,000.

Elected as a director on the Board of Old Masons' Home to succeed Frank H. Johnson, deceased (see Proceedings, pages 39 and 40; also Proceedings, pages 40, 41 and 42, relating to the other Homes). The Widows and Orphans' Home was overflowing, there being boys and girls sleeping two to a single bed. Superintendent Adams and Mrs. Adams were complimented on their efficient management.

During the year the Grand Master had more than two hundred requests by mail for opinions on Masonic subjects, most of which were answered by referring the inquirer to the Constitution and Regulations. Rendered many decisions (see Proceedings, pages 43, 44, 45 and 46).

Recommended Sections 53 and 192 of the Constitution be amended (see Proceedings, page 46).

Acknowledges the valuable assistance rendered by other officers, and "that our membership in Kentucky may continue to march in the front ranks of accomplishment with other forces for good, is my fondest hope."

The Grand Master's address was distributed to the proper committees.

Grand Treasurer James Garnett made his report, which was referred to the Finance Committee. A detailed statement shows:

"The income and disbursements made during the fiscal year ending October 1, 1924, left a balance on hand of \$221,426.70, but since that date warrants have been drawn against this balance as follows:

Masonic Home Assessment .....	\$71,128.75
Masonic Home Endowment .....	31,820.00
Masonic Home Journal .....	34,567.55
Old Masons' Home .....	8,519.50

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Total ..... \$146,035.80

"Out of the remaining balance, the mileage and per diem of the representatives of the Grand Lodge, aggregating about \$16,000, the appropriation to the Educational Trustees of \$22,000, printing the minutes for distribution among the subordinate lodges and the salaries and expenses for the current year, must be paid, but we estimate we will have sufficient funds to

meet all these obligations as they become due. I have arranged with the Louisville Trust Company for an increase in the rate of interest on daily balances, and on November 1, 1923, I opened an account with this company. The interest on deposits and income from investments for the fiscal year aggregate \$1,385.57."

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1923 .....	\$208,772.78
Received from Grand Secretary .....	244,325.08

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Total .....	\$453,097.86
Disbursements .....	231,671.16

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Balance .....	\$221,426.70
Total investments .....	\$ 24,000.00

(For detailed statement, see Proceedings, pages 49 to 63, inclusive.)

Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick made his report for the year ending September 30, 1924, from which these figures are quoted:

Balance Oct. 1, 1923 .....	\$208,772.78
Receipts during year .....	244,325.08

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Total .....	\$453,097.86
Disbursements .....	231,671.16

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Balance on hand .....	\$221,426.70
Assets .....	257,239.34
Liabilities .....	162,226.95

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Net worth .....	\$ 95,012.39
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From summary of membership statistics the following is taken:

Lodges October 18, 1923 .....	612
New lodges .....	3
Defunct lodges .....	2
Lodges October 21, 1924 .....	613
Membership August 31, 1923 .....	71,026
Apparent gain .....	1,577

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Present membership .....	72,603
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Returns were received from every lodge in the state, but fines had to be assessed against many for delay and late payments. J. W. Knapp Lodge No. 605 surrendered its charter, and the charter of Atterson Lodge No. 818 was arrested.

Twenty-two applications for changes in lodge by-laws were referred to that committee.

The following lodges were given charters: Rocky Chute No. 921, Wilmore No. 922, and Royalton No. 923. Six lodges, working

under dispensation, were recommended for charters; one lodge sought new charter to replace an old one.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had given attention to reframing the portraits of past grand masters, and had procured and issued to members souvenir badges, and issued two permits for burials on Grand Lodge lot in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Amendments to the Constitution offered at the last communication of the Grand Lodge for action in 1924 were adopted (see Proceedings, pages 69 and 70).

Grand Secretary's report distributed to proper committees.

Past Grand Masters Wilhelm and Orndorff escorted Past Grand Master Thomas S. Pettit to the seat reserved for the oldest past grand master to the right of the Grand Master. Brother Pettit addressed the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Wilhelm, President of the Old Masons' Home, read his report (see Proceedings, pages 71 to 78, inclusive), the same being referred to Committee on Our Homes. There were sixty residents in the Home at this time, and the per capita cost for the year was \$384.16.

Past Grand Master McElroy made report for Committee on Necrology, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 79, 80 and 81).

The Grand Secretary announced that the entertainment by the children of the Home would take place at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

At 12 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1924

### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9 a. m.

Brother L. R. Dickinson, secretary of the Masonic Employment Bureau, made report, which was referred to Finance Committee (see Proceedings, pages 83 and 84).

Brother Guy T. Johnson submitted report of Committee on By-Laws, which was adopted (see Proceedings, page 85).

Past Grand Master Wilhelm submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"Resolved, That any man who obtains by purchase, or otherwise, intoxicating liquors or narcotic drugs from an illegal vendor of the same, or in violation of the laws of the United States of America, is hereby declared to be ineligible to be received into a Masonic lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and any Kentucky lodge knowingly electing such a person, shall forfeit its charter.

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky hereby declares it to be a Masonic offense for any Mason within its juris-

dition to purchase or possess intoxicating liquors, or narcotic drugs, except in accordance with the laws of the United States of America."

Brother Walter B. Meagher offered a resolution prohibiting gambling and all kinds of games of chance by bodies affiliated with Masonry in Kentucky, which was adopted. (For full text, see Proceedings, page 86.)

Past Grand Masters Hardwick and Garnett escorted Past Grand Master John H. Cowles to the rostrum and presented him to the Grand Lodge. Brother Cowles addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

"It is a great pleasure to be the recipient of such an introduction as Brother Garnett has given me; only he made one mistake. He says I live in Washington. I still live in Louisville and not in Washington. It has been a great many years since I presided over this Grand Lodge, thirteen in fact, and the change in personnel has been so great that I do not know many of those now present, but I always feel very kindly, in fact, I have a real Kentucky feeling towards every member, or every Mason, that comes from this commonwealth and visits me in the city of Washington."

Past Grand Master Garnett made report for the Building Committee, in which it was stated: "In obedience to your directions given at the last session of the Grand Lodge, the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home have been and are now waiting for the necessary funds before we take any further steps looking to the erection of the new Home. We have 124 acres of splendid land most ideally located, the plans have been agreed upon and our architect is waiting for orders. (See Proceedings, pages 87 and 88.) We earnestly ask that you give time for a full discussion of this important question and that we be given your calm and deliberate advice."

Brother S. D. Stembidge offered resolutions relating to Robert A. Tyler bequest to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, which were made a special order of business (see Proceedings, pages 88 and 89), the feature resolution which read:

"Resolved, That the Home on Second Street should be maintained for the girls and widows and should be called the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary of Kentucky, and the home located on the Tyler farm should be called the Tyler Masonic Home of Kentucky."

The Grand Treasurer announced that he would begin paying the representatives at 12 o'clock.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke made report on "Doings of Other Grand Lodges"; adopted (see Proceedings, pages 90 and 91).

Past Grand Master Fred Acker made report for Committee on Our Homes, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 91 and 92).

Past Grand Master Saunders offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That nothing be printed in the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge which has not been approved by the Grand Secretary and nothing except the actual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge without comment or construction."

At the hour of 10:40, Grand Lodge proceeded with the election of officers, which resulted:

Hugh M. Grundy, Grand Master; G. Allison Holland, Deputy Grand Master; Charles S. Rankins, Grand Senior Warden; Hanson Peterson, Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett, Grand Treasurer; Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary.

Brother J. H. Richmond made report for the Educational Trustees, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 93 to 111, inclusive), one paragraph of which reads: "The work of the committee and its responsibilities continue to grow. Last year we assisted fifty-seven children in securing higher and vocational education; this year we have seventy-seven boys and girls under our care."

Flowers on the stage donated by Mrs. Alex M. Woodruff were acknowledged by a vote of thanks.

Gavel used at this communication was donated by Parkland Lodge No. 638.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:15 to convene again at 2 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock p. m.

Brother C. G. Moreland reported for Committee on Credentials; adopted (see Proceedings, pages 117 to 119, inclusive).

Brother G. Allison Holland, chairman of the Million Dollar Committee, presented and read report of the committee, which was adopted. The report stated: "In spite of the conditions, your committee has continued its efforts, and today has a subscription list totaling in excess of \$1,166,000 on which there has been paid an amount sufficient to leave available, after deducting all expenditures of the committee, and the purchase price of the land, the sum of \$557,873.00" (see Proceedings, pages 119 to 122, inclusive).

Past Grand Master Veach offered a substitute for preceding resolutions, which was adopted, and read as follows:

"Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home be and they are directed to proceed with the plans for the new Home to be erected on the 126 acres of

land near St. Matthews, and that said Board will as soon as it can conveniently be done let the contract for the buildings, and the Grand Lodge pledge its credit and the credits of the several lodges in Kentucky that the money to meet the cost thereof will be furnished to the Board of Directors as it may be needed or demanded."

Past Grand Master Virgil P. Smith moved that the same committee now constituting the Million Dollar Committee be continued.

Brother G. Allison Holland, chairman of the Million Dollar Committee, moved that a special committee of five be appointed to co-operate with and assist the Million Dollar Committee. The Grand Master appointed J. L. Vest, W. A. Guthrie, J. C. Strange, S. M. Cecil and S. D. Stembridge on said special committee.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1924

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:15 o'clock a. m.

Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware made report for the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted as a whole, except Section No. 14 (see Proceedings, pages 126 to 131, inclusive).

Past Grand Master James Garnett offered the following, which was adopted:

"Whereas, It is important that each subordinate lodge should have a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge as soon as the Proceedings can be printed, and whereas, it requires many weeks to print the roster of members which delays distribution of the Proceedings, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary will cause the Proceedings to be printed, together with the report of the Old Masons' Home and Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home as early as possible in temporary form, and a copy of such Proceedings shall by the Grand Secretary be mailed to the master and secretary of each subordinate lodge, and such master and secretary shall deliver the copy of the Proceedings received by them to their respective successors.

"Provided, That thereafter the Grand Secretary shall cause a complete permanent volume of the Proceedings, including the roll of the members of the subordinate lodges to be printed, not later than May 1, and mail one copy thereof to the secretary of each subordinate lodge in Kentucky."

Brother John L. Vest for the special committee to assist the Million-Dollar Committee made a report in the form of a resolu-

tion, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 132, 133 and 134), where full explanation is made.

Brother Perry B. Miller, chairman, made report for Committee on Appeals, covering a review of six cases, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 135 to 140, inclusive).

Past Grand Master Weathers offered resolution relating to Mammoth Cave National Park Region (see Proceedings, pages 140 and 141), which was adopted.

Past Grand Master Nelson made report for Committee on Work, which recommended uniformity (see Proceedings, page 142).

Past Grand Master Garnett moved that this Grand Lodge, by a rising vote, extend to Past Grand Master Orton its thanks for the efforts he has made in behalf of Masonry during his term of office. Motion seconded and carried by a unanimous rising vote.

Grand Master Grundy made the following appointments:

Rev. R. B. Grider, Grand Chaplain; T. W. Pennington, Grand Senior Deacon; J. T. Hourigan, Grand Junior Deacon; George B. Spencer, Grand Marshal; J. S. Linebaugh, Grand Sword Bearer; C. W. Homan, Grand Pursuivant; Wm. H. Hawes, Grand Tiler; W. W. Clarke, Correspondent.

Names committees to serve for the year:

Appeals—John R. Yeager, S. K. Veach and James Keeley.

By-Laws—R. W. Smith, Osso W. Stanley and J. W. Brown.

Credentials—W. H. Tritt, Jesse Whitworth and C. A. Keslar.

Finance—E. W. Weathers, O. D. Thomas and John T. Kincaid.

Jurisprudence—Orie S. Ware, W. F. Neikirk and R. P. Dietzman.

Lodges U. D.—Al. H. Bryant, W. R. Johnston and C. R. Ray.

Necrology—Henry S. McElroy.

Our Homes—W. C. Black, Sam B. Metcalfe and George A. Lewis.

Proceedings—Wm. W. Clarke.

Visitors—John W. Juett, R. M. Hocker and J. E. Murrell.

Biography—James E. Wilhelm.

Educational Committee—John J. Howe, Chas. A. McMillan, E. R. Dillehay, Chas. F. Weaver, F. E. Shattuck, J. H. Richmond and S. P. Browning.

Million Dollar Committee—G. Allison Holland, Will Ward Dufield, A. G. Sulser, Frank D. Rash and H. M. Grundy.

Committee on Work—W. J. Piggott, H. S. McElroy, T. J. Adams, J. H. Ewalt, O. S. Ware, E. E. Nelson and J. E. Wilhelm.

Grand Lecturer—W. A. Guthrie.

The Grand Secretary reappointed Alex M. Woodruff as Assistant Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Master Orton impressively installed the following officers:

Hugh M. Grundy, Grand Master; G. Allison Holland, Deputy Grand Master; Charles S. Rankins, Grand Senior Warden; Hanson Peterson, Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett, Grand Treasurer; Alex M. Woodruff, Assistant Grand Secretary; T. W. Pennington, Grand Senior Deacon; J. T. Hourigan, Grand Junior Deacon; Geo. B. Spencer, Grand Marshal; J. S. Linebaugh, Grand Sword Bearer; C. W. Homan, Grand Pursuivant; Wm. H. Hawes, Grand Tiler; Wm. W. Clarke, Correspondent.

Past Grand Master Saunders presented Grand Master Grundy with a basket of flowers. (See Proceedings, pages 145, 146 and 147, for Grundy's response.)

Brother Wm. A. Keller, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented Past Grand Master Orton with jewel. (See Proceedings, pages 148 and 149, for address and response.)

The Grand Secretary was instructed to purchase jewels for the Grand Junior Deacon and Grand Pursuivant.

The Grand Treasurer was authorized to install card system for payment of representatives.

On final roll call all lodges answered "Present".

Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 1 o'clock p. m.

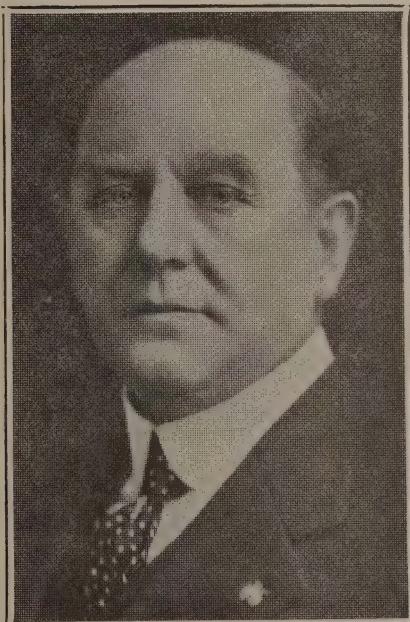
H. M. GRUNDY, Grand Master.

FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary.



## ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Hugh McElroy  
Grundy

1925

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Born 1866

Hugh McElroy Grundy was born December 24, 1866, on a farm near Springfield, Kentucky, the son of Palmer and Sarah F. Grundy, representatives of two pioneer Kentucky families who were distinguished not only for their business success, but for their personal integrity and Christian character.

Hugh Grundy received his primary training in Covington Institute, Springfield, Kentucky; his classical education at Central University, Richmond, Kentucky, and Centre College, Danville, Kentucky. Choosing a business career rather than a professional one, he received his education for such at a business college in Louisville. His first business venture was a mercantile establishment at Valley Hill, Kentucky, where for six years he not only operated a merchandise store but acted as Station Agent for the L. & N. Railroad. He then moved to Springfield, county seat of Washington County, where he became half-owner of one of the largest and best retail stores in Washington County. He continued in this business until a few years ago, and then he retired. During his active business career he served various businesses in important capacities. He was president of the First National Bank of Springfield, Ky.; president of the Washington County Fair Association; treasurer of the Springfield & Campbellsville Utilities Company; secretary of Price and Lucas Company, at Louisville, Kentucky; member of the Board of Control of the Grundy Presbyterian Orphanage; treasurer of the Springfield Cemetery Co., and in addition he successfully operated one of the most valuable grain and stock farms in Washington County.

He was made a Mason in Springfield Lodge No. 50 in 1896, served as Master seven years and refused further election to the same station; he is a member of Springfield Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., of which he is a Past High Priest; he is a member of Springfield Council No. 52, R. & S. M., and has several times served this Council as Thrice Illustrious Master. He is a member of Marion

Commandery No. 24, Lebanon, Ky., and holds membership in Kosair Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Louisville, Kentucky.

Brother Grundy is now a resident of Louisville.

### FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1925

The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was called to order at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, October 20, 1925, in the Shubert Building, Fourth and Chestnut Streets, Most Worshipful Grand Master Hugh McElroy Grundy, Springfield, Kentucky, presiding, and lodge was opened in ample form on the Master Mason degree. Grand Master Grundy was assisted by the following Grand Officers:

G. Allison Holland .....	Deputy Grand Master
Charles S. Rankins .....	Grand Senior Warden
Hanson Peterson .....	Grand Junior Warden
James Garnett .....	Grand Treasurer
Fred W. Hardwick .....	Grand Secretary
A. M. Woodruff .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Rev. R. B. Grider .....	Grand Chaplain
T. W. Pennington .....	Grand Senior Deacon
J. T. Hourigan .....	Grand Junior Deacon
George B. Spencer .....	Grand Marshal
J. S. Linebaugh .....	Grand Sword Bearer
C. A. Homan .....	Grand Pursuivant
W. H. Hawes .....	Grand Tiler
W. W. Clarke .....	Fraternal Correspondent

The proceedings were opened with prayer by the Worthy Grand Chaplain, Rev. R. B. Grider.

Out of the twenty-nine living past grand masters, twenty-two were present. Ninety-nine past masters were registered in the Grand Secretary's office.

Out of a total of 614 lodges on the roster of the Grand Lodge, 54 failed to have a representative at this session of Grand Lodge.

Brother Past Grand Master Thos. Stevenson Pettit, a member of Owensboro Lodge No. 130, Owensboro, Kentucky, was present at the opening session of Grand Lodge and was invited by Grand Master Grundy to take a seat at his left, Brother Pettit being the senior past grand master, having served as such from October, 1878, to October, 1879. Brother Pettit was escorted to the seat at the left of the Grand Master upon the stage and upon request spoke briefly to the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke of Owensboro presented to the Grand Lodge Past Grand Master John G. Orndorff and Brothers Dudley, Futrell and W. T. McElroy, who were present at

the laying of the cornerstone at the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, October 19, 1869. They were received with Grand Honors. An inquiry from Grand Master Grundy disclosed the fact that three other brethren had witnessed the laying of the cornerstone of the Home, but were not present at this session of the Grand Lodge. Brother Orndorff briefly addressed Grand Lodge.

Brother W. R. R. LaVeille, chairman of the Transportation Committee, announced that autos would be provided for members of the Grand Lodge to attend the laying of the cornerstone of the new Home and that they would leave the Shubert Building promptly at 1:30 p. m.

#### GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

After extending a cordial welcome to the assembled delegates and visitors, the Grand Master, in opening his address, spoke as follows:

"Looking backward a period of more than a hundred and twenty years of the history of our Grand Lodge, we are delighted with the progress it has made. We catch an inspiration that bids us to look into the future with greater hope. So, let us face the years to come with renewed pledges to wisely and properly do our part. I trust that no action of this Grand Body will ever hinder its progress, but, on the other hand, will assist in all its worthy undertakings."

He reported the passing, March 31, 1925, of W. H. McDonald, editor and manager of the Masonic Home Journal. He also reported the passing of E. H. Dillehay of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, one of the oldest members of the Educational Trustees.

He announced the resignation of Brother Samuel Pearce Browning of Maysville as a member of the Educational Trustees, and announced that he had appointed to fill the vacancy caused by this resignation, Brother John T. Graves, banker, member and past master of Landmark Lodge No. 41, Versailles, Kentucky. Following the death of Brother E. R. Dillehay, member of the Educational Trustees, he appointed Dr. Tim W. Pennington, member and past master of Lincoln Lodge No. 60, Stanford, to fill the vacancy.

Dispensations were granted for the following new lodges: January 6, 1925, Milburn Lodge, U. D., at Milburn, Carlisle County, Ky.; instituted January 8, 1925, by Brother Thos. C. Pettit, Past Master of Bardwell Lodge No. 499, Bardwell, Ky. Officers: J. R. Bard, Master; I. T. Haydon, Senior Warden; Roy O. Evans, Junior Warden. The dispensation was not granted until full investigation had been made, and request signed by fifteen or more applicants.

October 7, 1925, Thomas DeVenny Lodge, U. D., Freeburn, Pike County; instituted October, 1925, by S. Marion Cecil, Past Master Pikeville No. 375. Charles Edward Lewis, Master; Clifford Buck DeVenny, Senior Warden, and Ulrich Schaffer, Junior Warden.

October 7, 1925, Henry Price Lodge, U. D., Edmonton, Metcalfe County; instituted October, 1925, by E. H. Alexander, Past Master of David Faulkner Lodge No. 816—or H. L. Oldham, Past Master of Trowel Lodge No. 373. Henry Reid Price, Master; Avery Martin, Senior Warden, and Samuel A. Thompson, Junior Warden.

One new lodge, Petersburg No. 926, U. D., located at Petersburg, Boone County, was started to work under charter on November 8, 1924, by Chas. S. Rankins, Grand Junior Warden, by proxy issued by Past Grand Master Orton. Instituted July 1, 1925; proxy properly filed by Brother Rankins and returned to Grand Secretary Hardwick.

On November 24, 1924, Grand Master Grundy granted permission for Samuel Reed Lodge No. 478 and Ludlow Lodge No. 759, both located at Ludlow, Ky., to consolidate and elect officers, under the name of Unity Lodge No. 478, all provisions of the law in reference to such consolidation having been complied with. On November 29, 1924, he issued his proxy to Brother Chas. S. Rankins, Grand Senior Warden, who effected the consolidation on December 4, 1924.

The following dispensations and proxies were granted to lay cornerstones and dedicate halls:

November 10, 1924, to Highland Park Lodge No. 868, to lay cornerstone for their new hall, 4471-4473 Park Blvd., on Saturday evening, November 28, 1924; work by Grand Master assisted by the Grand Secretary, Brother Hardwick.

November 15, 1924, to Paintsville Lodge No. 381, at Paintsville, Ky., to lay cornerstone for their new temple, Thursday, November 27, 1924, at Paintsville, Ky. Proxy to Past Master J. W. Turner, Paintsville, Ky.

November 20, 1924, to Poage Lodge No. 325, located at Ashland, Ky., to lay cornerstone of the new Methodist Church on Monday, November 24, at Ashland, Ky. Proxy to Brother W. G. McNeilly, Past Master of Poage Lodge No. 325, F. & A. M. Was notified by Brother McNeilly that the work was done on November 24, 1924.

January 28, 1925, to Poage Lodge No. 325, to lay cornerstone of the new C. & O. depot, on Monday, February 2, 1925, at Ashland, Ky. Proxy given to Brother Calvin Howell, Master of Poage Lodge No. 325, Ashland, Ky.

April 25, 1925, to Daylight Lodge No. 760, to lay cornerstone of Kosair Convalescent Home for Crippled Children on Eastern Parkway. Work by Grand Master assisted by the Grand Officers.

April 24, 1925, to Bardwell Lodge No. 499, F. & A. M., to lay cornerstone of new high school building at Bardwell, Ky., on Friday, May 1, 1925. Proxy given to Brother R. W. Graves, Master of Bardwell Lodge No. 499, Bardwell, Ky. Received notice from Brother Graves that he performed this duty on Friday May 1, 1925.

June 23, 1925, Corinth Lodge No. 584, at Corinth, Ky., to lay cornerstone of new high school building at Corinth, Ky. Proxy given to Brother Chas. S. Rankins, Grand Senior Warden.

June 23, 1925, to Royalton Lodge No. 923, at Royalton, Ky., to lay cornerstone of its new hall being erected at Royalton, Ky. Proxy to Brother James W. Turner of Paintsville, Ky., Past Master of Paintsville Lodge No. 381, Paintsville, Ky.

June 9, 1925, Smith Lodge No. 775, located at Russell, Greenup County, Ky., to appear in public and lay cornerstone for the city's new building. Request received from City Council June 16, 1925. Proxy to Brother Geo. T. Washington, Master of Smith Lodge No. 775, Russell, Ky.

July 6, 1925, Royalton Lodge No. 923, Royalton, Ky., to dedicate its new hall on July 11, 1925. Proxy to Brother J. W. Turner, Past Master of Paintsville Lodge No. 381, Paintsville, Ky. Service to lay cornerstone and dedicate at the same time. Stone left out for this purpose. July 17, 1925, received notice from Brother Turner that he had laid the cornerstone and dedicated the hall on July 11, 1925.

August 8, 1925, Aurora Lodge No. 633, to lay cornerstone for its new hall, Bardstown Road and Deerwood Avenue. Work done by Grand Master, assisted by Brother Hardwick, Grand Secretary, and members of the lodge.

September 12, 1925, to Highland Park Lodge No. 865, 4471 Park Blvd., Louisville, Ky., to dedicate its new hall. Work done by the Grand Master, assisted by Brother Hardwick, Grand Secretary, Brother R. B. Grider, Grand Chaplain, and officers of the Grand Lodge.

The following brethren were appointed as proxies of the Grand Master, on the dates named, and for the purposes stated:

November 15, 1924, Past Master J. W. Turner, of Paintsville, Ky., to lay cornerstone of new Masonic Temple at Paintsville, Ky.

November 29, 1924, to Brother Grand Senior Warden Chas. S. Rankins to consolidate Samuel Reed Lodge No. 478 and Ludlow Lodge No. 759, both of Ludlow, Ky. Consolidation was effected December 4, 1924, by Brother Rankins.

January 2, 1925, to Brother S. S. Pinney, of Mt. Sterling Lodge No. 23, Mt. Sterling, Ky., to represent him at the meeting of Highland Lodge No. 311, West Liberty, Ky., to speak for the good of the order, and explain the assessment for the Home, levied by the Grand Lodge at the meeting in October, 1924.

January 28, 1925, to Brother Calvin Howell, Master of Poage Lodge No. 325, to lay cornerstone of the new C. & O. depot at Ashland, Ky., on February 3, 1925.

April 24, 1925, to Brother R. W. Graves, Master of Bardwell Lodge No. 499, Bardwell, Ky., to lay cornerstone of the Bardwell High School building, May 1, 1925.

June 24, 1925, to Past Master Brother J. H. Richmond, of Lewis Lodge No. 191, Louisville, Ky., to attend Winchester Lodge No. 20, at Winchester, Ky., to address the lodges of the county at a picnic, given for the purpose of raising money for the Home Assessment.

June 23, 1925, Brother Chas. S. Rankins, Grand Senior Warden, to lay the cornerstone of the new high school building at Corinth, Grant County, Ky., on Saturday, July 4, 1925.

June 9, 1925, to Brother Geo. T. Washington, Master of Smith Lodge No. 775, located at Russell, Greenup County, Ky., to lay the cornerstone of the new city building at the request of the city council, on June 16, 1925.

June 23, 1925, Brother Jas. W. Turner, Past Master of Paintsville Lodge No. 381, Paintsville, Ky., to lay cornerstone of the new building of Royalton Lodge No. 923, Royalton, Ky., July 11, 1925.

July 6, 1925, Brother Jas. W. Turner, Past Master of Paintsville Lodge No. 381, to dedicate new hall of Royalton Lodge No. 923, at Royalton, Ky., July 11, 1925. Cornerstone laid and hall dedicated at the same time, stone having been left out for this purpose.

September 4, 1925, Brother Past Master Richard P. Dietzman, of Daylight Lodge No. 760, Louisville, Ky., to attend picnic in Crittenden County, Ky., on Saturday, September 5, 1925, given by Liberty Lodge No. 580, Frances, Ky., for the purpose of raising money for the Home Assessment.

September 18, 1925, proxy to Past Grand Master Orton, of Dawson Springs Lodge No. 628, Dawson Springs, Ky., to visit LaCenter Lodge No. 782 to explain the assessment for the Home, and assist in raising money to meet the assessment.

October 7, 1925, proxy to Brother H. L. Oldham, Trowel Lodge No. 373—or E. H. Alexander, Past Master David Faulkner Lodge No. 816—to return to work. Henry Price Lodge, U. D., located at Edmonton, Metcalfe County, Ky.

October 7, 1925, proxy to Brother Charles Echols, Past Master Stone No. 890, to set to work Thomas DeVenny Lodge, U. D., located at Freeburn, Pike County, Ky.

The Grand Master reported that from February 22nd to March 4th he was absent from Kentucky, attending the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association

at Alexandria, Va., accompanied by Brother Fred W. Hardwick, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Work came in for a short notice. Brother Grundy stated that on Friday, May 15, 1925, he met with the committee in the Grand Secretary's office, Louisville, and that after having visited many lodges during the year and having seen many of them do splendid work, he was persuaded that there should be more uniformity in the work in this Grand Jurisdiction, and expressed the hope that the committee would recommend some plan for bringing this about.

He reported that on Wednesday, June 24, 1925, it was his pleasure to assist Brother Adams, Superintendent of the Home, to convey to the Fair Grounds the children of the Home, for the purpose of attending a picnic given by the St. John's Day League. He regretted that every Mason in Kentucky could not have been present to see the children enjoy themselves on this occasion. Speaking of the League, he said: "The League is entitled to much praise for the splendid work it is doing to raise funds for the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home each year. I understand that the proceeds from the picnic, June 24, will amount to about \$15,000. On Friday night, August 3, 1925, I was present at a meeting of the Home Board, when a check for \$10,000 was presented to the Board."

#### MASONIC HOME JOURNAL

Speaking of the Masonic Home Journal, the Grand Master said: "It has been my privilege to make, during the year, quite a number of visits to the office of the Home Journal. I have enjoyed these visits very much. Brothers Cross, Moore and Swimme were always glad to see me and give me any assistance that I desired. The Journal is a real Masonic paper, and should be read by every member of the Craft. When in the city, drop in to see these brothers, and tell them what is going on in your lodge. This is news and will be read by Masons all over the State and other Grand Jurisdictions. This is the way to do your part to make the Journal a success. We are proud of the good work the Journal is doing."

#### OLD MASONS' HOME

Of the Old Masons' Home, Shelbyville, Grand Master Grundy said: "During the year, I have attended many meetings of the Board of Directors of the Home as an ex-officio member. Many improvements have been made during this period so that today it is one of the most complete Homes to be found anywhere. The old brothers can spend their last days here in comfort and ease."

Continuing, he said: "Following the resignation of Superintendent Owens in August, we were fortunate in inducing Brother

James E. Wilhelm, President of the Board of Directors, to take charge."

#### MASONIC WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' HOME

He complimented the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, the Superintendent and management in general, and concluded by saying: "We are to be congratulated on having such an efficient Board of Directors to manage our institution. I have been very closely associated with them during the past year. I know them all personally, and I am quite sure a better selection of men could not be found in the State to manage the Home. They are business men of ability. I trust that we may always have men of such high class as directors of this institution."

He paid the Order of Eastern Star a very glowing tribute, complimented them upon the splendid work they were doing, and thanked them for the valuable assistance they rendered the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home.

He gave his unqualified endorsement of the Order of De-Molay for Boys, saying: "It is a fine institution for the boys of this day and time, as it teaches loyalty to parents and faith in God."

Of electioneering, Grand Master Grundy said: "I call your attention to Section 16 of the Constitution, prohibiting electioneering in any way for any office of the Grand Lodge, or in the subordinate lodges. Anyone guilty of such an offense is ineligible to office, either in the Grand Lodge or in a subordinate lodge. Too many violations of this section of the Constitution are permitted in our lodges today."

In closing, he spoke as follows: "I am indeed grateful to every member of this Grand Body for the interest manifested in the success of the year's work as shown by the encouragement and co-operation given me all during my administration. At times when there were obstacles to overcome, and the prospects were anything but bright, I would always find encouragement and help in these good brothers. Words cannot express my appreciation of the service of our Grand Secretary, Brother Fred W. Hardwick. His knowledge of Masonry, his years of experience in the work, and his knowledge of the laws of other Grand Jurisdictions, make him indispensable to any Grand Master. I am not saying too much when I say he is the best Grand Secretary in the United States. I also want to thank Miss Hosken for the valuable assistance she has given during the year. Her long experience in the office gives her valuable information, necessary to the Grand Master."

### GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

The Grand Treasurer gave a detailed statement of the income and disbursements ending October, 1925, which left a balance of \$317,213.03. However, since October 1, 1925, warrants had been drawn against this balance totaling \$138,198.84. Out of the remaining balance the mileage and per diem of the representatives, aggregating about \$16,000.00, the appropriation to the Educational Trustees of \$22,000.00, the assessment for the Building Fund of \$116,739.68, had to be paid, and in addition there would be added the cost of printing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for distribution among the subordinate lodges. The total receipts for the year were \$552,517.03, total disbursements \$235,-304.00, leaving a balance October 1, 1925, of \$317,213.03. This report was referred to the Finance Committee.

### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Grand Secretary Brother Fred W. Hardwick submitted his third annual report. A statement of receipts and disbursements from 1924 to 1925 showed receipts totaling \$552,225.40, disbursements \$234,521.89. The assets were listed at \$519,711.76, liabilities \$260,616.52, showing a net worth of \$259,095.24.

The number of lodges reported October 1, 1924, were 613. Three new lodges were added during the year, making a total of 616. One lodge surrendered its charter, one consolidation of two lodges, leaving the total number, October, 1925, of 614. The returns as of August 31, 1924, gave the membership as 72,603. There were initiated, admitted and reinstated during the year 3,697 members. The number of members expelled, demitted, suspended, and dead during the year were 4,228, which made the loss for the year, 531, leaving a total membership in the State of 72,072.

The Grand Secretary reported the following amendments to the Constitution, which were offered at the annual communication, October, 1924, and were due for action at this session of Grand Lodge.

#### Section 53:

"The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members, who shall be appointed to serve for a period of three years; one member to be appointed each year. Upon the adoption of this amendment, one shall be appointed to serve one year; one to serve two years, and one to serve three years, the oldest in point of service to be chairman, and the vacancy occurring each year to be filled for the full term.

"The Committee on Finance shall examine and pass upon all questions of monetary character.

"An expert accountant, selected by the Grand Master, shall examine and report upon the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and upon all other matters as may be referred to him."

Section 192:

"A lodge under dispensation may be established on the petition of not less than fifteen Master Masons, residents of the jurisdiction of the proposed new lodge, who shall file with said petition their demits, the consent of every lodge whose jurisdiction would be affected by the new lodge if established (except as in Section 194) and the recommendation of the nearest lodge—which shall also state that the proposed Master and Wardens have been examined audibly in said lodge and found capable of doing the work of the symbolic degrees in a creditable manner."

He recommended that a new edition of the Book of Constitutions be issued.

Past Grand Master Wm. Carson Black offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

"Whereas, It is provided in Section No. 152 of the Constitution that no lodge shall be required to pay Grand Lodge dues on any member thereof who for a period of fifty years shall have been a Master Mason and affiliated with a lodge or lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in Kentucky, which said lodge or lodges shall have paid dues on said Grand Lodge members for fully fifty years, and

"Whereas, It is a custom among the subordinate lodges of Kentucky to place all such members on the Free list as far as dues are concerned, and in recognition of such long-time membership as a Master Mason, now

"Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky shall furnish to each Master Mason who has had such fifty years' experience, a suitable button or emblem to be worn by him as a badge of recognition of his service in the great cause of Freemasonry, said button to be purchased by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge at a cost not to exceed \$2.50 each, said button to be property of the members to whom they are given.

"Resolved, That a page in the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge shall be set aside to be called an Honor Roll of Loyalty on which the names of the fifty-year memberships shall be placed, to commemorate their love for the great cause of Freemasonry."

Further business was called off in order that Grand Lodge might attend the laying of the cornerstone of the new Home. The ceremony at the laying of the cornerstone of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home on the Shelbyville road, Jefferson

County, Kentucky, took place at 2:30 o'clock p. m., October 20, 1925. The program, in part, was as follows:

"President Lee E. Cralle: The Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky have met today to lay the cornerstone of the first building of our new Home. We will now be led in prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. R. B. Grider.

"Grand Chaplain, Rev. R. B. Grider:

"O God, Our Father, we give Thee thanks for this blessed occasion, when we come to lay strong and permanently the cornerstone of the institution in which the children of our unfortunate brethren come to dwell. May they be so educated and trained that they may grow into manhood and womanhood with such character as shall reflect honor upon the Grand Lodge and upon our fallen brethren, and do a service for our great and glorious country and glorify Thee, Our Father Who Art in Heaven. Amen."

"President Lee E. Cralle: The next on the program is a recitation by Lowell Pelfrey, a boy from the Home. He will recite Rob. Morris' poem, entitled: 'We Meet upon the Level, We Part upon the Square.'

"President Lee E. Cralle: The next on the program is an address 'The Home as It Was,' by Miss Nora Kirch, who was a resident of the Home in her childhood."

"President Lee E. Cralle: The next will be the presentation of the new Home to the Grand Master by Past Grand Master James Garnett, chairman of the Building Committee."

The ceremony of the laying of the cornerstone was ended by an oration by the Grand Master, Hugh McElroy Grundy.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1925

### MORNING SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:30 o'clock a. m., and the proceedings opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Past Grand Master Garnett, chairman of the Building Committee of the new Home, submitted their report, which was adopted, a part of which follows:

"At the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, the attention of the Grand Lodge was called to the crowded condition of the present Home, the constant increasing demands for the administration thereto of children, and the constant danger of fire, which resulted in the members of the Fraternity considering plans for its enlargement.

"When the situation was presented to the Craft, Past Grand Master Samuel K. Veach, of Carlisle, by a letter published in the

Masonic Home Journal, proposed that he would be one of one hundred to give one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), payable in ten equal installments. This suggestion inspired the Craft and many letters offering contributions were published in the Home Journal.

"At the next session of the Grand Lodge in 1918, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Grand Master to appoint a committee to solicit subscriptions for one million dollars to be used in constructing a new home for the widows and orphans of the deceased Masons.

"This committee reported such splendid progress that the Grand Lodge at its 1919 session requested the Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary to select an architect, purchase a suitable tract of land in or near to the city of Louisville and devise plans for a modern Widows and Orphans' Home. In obedience to the direction of the Grand Lodge, the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary selected Joseph and Joseph as architects and designated the undersigned as a building committee. With the advice and assistance of Joseph and Joseph we began the examination of several tracts of land in or adjacent to the city of Louisville, which the owners offered to sell for the new Home, which resulted in the purchase of five (5) tracts of land aggregating one hundred and twenty-seven and twenty-one hundredths (127.21) acres, lying on the Shelbyville Turn Pike about one-half mile east of the city of Louisville, which cost ninety-four thousand one hundred and forty-two dollars and sixty cents (\$94,142.60). This tract of land has a frontage of one thousand five hundred feet and extends northwardly about one mile with an outlet to Brownsboro Road.

"The Building Committee visited all the institutions in and around Louisville and conferred with those who are experienced in the management of orphans' homes. In company with the architects, the committee visited the most modern institutions in New York and in other northern and eastern states. The committee determined that it would not adopt either the congregate or cottage plan, but an entirely new plan, which would best conform to the needs of the Masons of Kentucky. This plan was submitted to and adopted by the Grand Lodge, and at the 1923 session, when we made a full and complete report to the Grand Lodge, which in part reads as follows:

"We then caused the architect to prepare an estimate of the cost, which they first reported at approximately \$1,800,000.00. We then revised the plans, cutting out all buildings and work which was not absolutely essential for the immediate use as a Home, and when the plan was so revised, the architect furnished us the following estimate of cost:

Name of Bldg.	Cubic Contents	Price per cu. ft.	Cost
Administration	772,946	40c	\$309,178
School	501,375	30c	150,411
Dining, 600 Capacity	545,000	32c	174,400
Industrial	501,375	30c	150,411
Supt. and Teachers'			
Home	131,400	37c	48,618
Widows' Building			80,000
Incurables' Building			20,000
Domestic Art			40,000
Power Building			100,000
Hospital Building			50,000
Reception Cottage			15,000
Domestic Science			25,000
Total Twelve Buildings			\$1,163,018
Septic Tank and Sewerage, approximately			50,000
Seven Dormitories (or Cottages)			420,000
			\$1,633,018

"After receiving this estimate, we made an investigation of building conditions for the purpose of determining whether it was practical to build during the present year, and we found that the cost of building at that time was about twelve per cent in excess of what we thought it was at the last session of the Grand Lodge, and we reached the conclusion that the cost would continue to rise until the first of July of the present year, when in all probability the cost of material would begin to decline."

"To which report we attached the following questions:

"Question No. 1—Shall we award the contract for the new plant before all the money necessary to pay for same is in hand, or evidence by valid subscription for which the money can be collected?

Question No. 2—if the first question is answered in the affirmative then are we authorized to borrow such money in addition to that on hand as may be required to complete the plant and pledge the credit of the Grand Lodge therefor?

Question No. 3—if we are unable to borrow on the credit of the Grand Lodge, what security shall we furnish for the loan in the event the lender is not satisfied with the mortgage of the property?

Question No. 4—Shall further activities relative to the construction of the new plant be deferred until subscriptions are in hand aggregating a sum sufficient to complete the new plant?

Question No. 5—in the event subscriptions sufficient to complete the plant cannot be obtained before the meeting of the next Grand Lodge, then what shall we do?

Question No. 6—Shall the plan for the new plant include space for the office of the Grand Secretary, the Library, and a meeting place for the Grand Lodge?

"The Grand Lodge, by vote, deferred action on questions 2 and 3 for twelve months, deferred action on question 4, and adopted the remainder of the report. Therefore, your committee did not take any further action until the 1924 session of the Grand Lodge, when we called attention to the crowded condition of the Home and its inability to take care of many worthy children who were seeking admission, and we said:

"Since the Grand Lodge, the subordinate lodges and the Masons of Kentucky have so generously shown their love for our Home, we hesitate to suggest that if we are to have the new Home as planned, and hoped for, we should have the necessary money so that we can begin work during the coming spring. If the necessary funds cannot be raised, we should set about to remodel and enlarge what we have in order that we can admit those destitute children who are knocking at the door.

"We earnestly ask that you give time for a full discussion of this important question, and that we be given your calm and deliberate advice."

"Thereupon, Brother S. D. Stembidge of Lodge No. 761 offered a resolution directing the sale of the property near St. Matthews and the establishment of the Home on the Tyler farm near Hickman.

"The Million Dollar Committee filed its report. Brother Jesse Whitworth of Breckinridge Lodge No. 67 offered a resolution that the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home be and they are directed to begin the construction of the Home at once.

"Past Grand Master Samuel K. Veach offered a substitute therefor, which was adopted and reads as follows:

"Be it Resolved, That the resolution offered by Brother S. D. Stembidge be referred to the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home.

"That said Board of Directors of said Home be and they are directed to proceed with the plans for the new Home to be erected on the 126 acres of land near St. Matthews and that said Board will as soon as it can conveniently be done, let the contract for the buildings, and the Grand Lodge pledges its credit and the credits of the several lodges in Kentucky that the money to meet the cost therefor will be furnished to the Board of Directors as it may be needed or demanded."

"The motion of Past Grand Master Virgil P. Smith that the Million Dollar Committee pay over to the Masonic Home Board such amounts as are needed to carry on the work of building

the new Home at such time as is demanded by them by said Board, was adopted."

The report was signed by Brothers James Garnett, chairman, John M. Scott, Lee E. Cralle, and Geo. T. Cross.

Brother J. W. Hardin (548) presented a resolution with reference to the appointment of a lecturer in the Congressional Districts, which was referred to the Committee on Work, which did not report. It was as follows:

"Whereas, Our membership has increased to more than 72,000, with over 600 working lodges, with nearly as many forms of work, and

"Whereas, This Grand Lodge has under consideration the question of establishing a uniform work, a laudable, but difficult task, and in order to assist in this much-needed reform in promulgating this work; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky here assembled, direct and instruct, that a representative, to be known as a District Deputy Grand Master, be elected in each Senatorial district, on the third Saturday in each November, to serve one year, qualifications and elections to be governed by same rules as govern the Grand Lodge. First meeting point to be selected by the Grand Master, and afterward by the District Lodge in session; and be it further

"Resolved, This representative to visit each lodge in his district and assist in promulgating such work as this Grand Lodge shall see fit to adopt, to assist the Grand Master in every way possible, and to act as his proxy and be qualified to do so when called on. This office not to be confused with state offices, nor to be considered a stepping stone to the Grand Lodge."

Brother Gordon A. Sulser made report for the Million Dollar Committee, which was adopted.

The resolution from Livermore Lodge protesting against the Twenty Dollar Assessment, presented by Brother Cameron A. Brown, Master, and Roy C. Taylor, Secretary, was read by Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick. When the resolution was voted on, it was defeated almost unanimously.

Brother W. H. Tritt of the Committee on Credentials made the report for that committee, which was adopted.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock p. m., and dismissed with prayer by the Worthy Grand Chaplain.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock p. m., and the proceedings opened with prayer by the Worthy Grand Chaplain.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

By unanimous ballot of the Grand Lodge, Brother Past Grand Master James Garnett was re-elected Grand Treasurer, and Past Grand Master Fred W. Hardwick was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Other officers elected were:

G. Allison Holland, Grand Master; Charles S. Rankins, Deputy Grand Master; Hanson Peterson, Grand Senior Warden; J. W. Juett, Grand Junior Warden.

Past Grand Master James Garnett moved that the Grand Lodge be called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock a. m. the next day. The Grand Lodge was closed with prayer by the Deputy Grand Chaplain.

## THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1925

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:15 a. m., and opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Past Grand Master Wilhelm, President of the Old Masons' Home, made his report, which was printed in the Proceedings as an appendix.

Past Grand Master Weathers submitted the report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted with the exception of that part of the report referring to a resolution made by Grand Junior Warden Peterson.

Brother J. M. Cochran made the report for the Special Committee on Home Journal, which was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Our Homes was submitted by Brother Geo. A. Lewis, and adopted.

Brother J. W. Brown of the Committee on By-Laws made his report, which was adopted.

Brother J. R. Yeager, chairman of the Committee on Appeals, made his report, which was adopted.

Past Grand Master Clarke, correspondent on proceedings of other grand lodges, made his report, which was printed as an appendix.

Brother J. W. Juett made the report of the Committee on Visitors, which was adopted.

The Grand Master made the following appointments:

Dr. E. L. Powell, Grand Chaplain; Everett Peterson, Grand Senior Deacon; S. Marion Cecil, Grand Junior Deacon; George B. Spencer, Grand Marshal; Mack Linebaugh, Grand Sword Bearer; C. W. Homan, Grand Pursuivant; W. H. Hawes, Grand Tiler; W. W. Clarke, Correspondent.

The committee appointments made by the Grand Master were then announced by the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary announced the re-appointment of Alex M. Woodruff (820) as Assistant Grand Secretary.

The Grand Officers were then installed.

Brother T. W. Pennington moved that the Grand Lodge express to the retiring Grand Master, Brother H. M. Grundy, by a rising vote, their thanks for his untiring efforts during his administration. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

On calling the Roll of Lodges, representatives from ten lodges failed to respond.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky was thereupon closed in ample form and with prayer by the Worthy Grand Chaplain, Dr. E. L. Powell.

G. ALLISON HOLLAND, Grand Master.

FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary.



## ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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George Allison  
Holland

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Born 1868

George Allison Holland was born in Henry County, Kentucky, of most distinguished lineage, his family record, through both his father and mother, being one to which any Kentuckian might point with pride. He received his education in the public schools and at Eminence College, finishing his studies at the University of Louisville. In January, 1895, was admitted to the Kentucky bar and began the practice of law at Eminence. In January, 1906, he removed to Lexington where he is well established in a lucrative practice. He served in three sessions of Kentucky Legislature and as special judge in a number of Kentucky Courts. He married Miss Jean Gillispie, of Chattanooga, a graduate of Vassar College. According to his biographer, Brother A. Gordon Sulser, the following comprises his Masonic affiliations: "Elected Master of Eminence Lodge No. 282 in December, 1898; removed to Lexington and now holds membership in Lexington Lodge No. 1; Past High Priest of Eminence Chapter No. 121; Past Master of J. P. Force Council, Eminence; Past Commander Webb Commandery, Lexington; Past Potentate of Oleika Temple, Lexington. He is a member of the Grand Consistory of Kentucky, Scottish Rite, made a K. C. C. H. therein. He was Grand High Priest in 1909-10. He has been Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council since 1917, and is now in line for the office of General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. He was chairman of the Million Dollar Committee which raised funds for the new Widows and Orphans' Home.

## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1926

The One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was called to order and opened on the Master Mason degree at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, October 19, 1926, in the Shubert Building, Fourth and Chestnut Streets, Louisville, Kentucky. The following Grand Officers were present:

G. Allison Holland .....	Grand Master
Charles S. Rankins .....	Deputy Grand Master
Hanson Peterson .....	Grand Senior Warden
John W. Juett .....	Grand Junior Warden
James Garnett .....	Grand Treasurer
Fred W. Hardwick .....	Grand Secretary
Alex M. Woodruff .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Rev. E. L. Powell .....	Grand Chaplain
Everett Peterson .....	Grand Senior Deacon
S. Marion Cecil .....	Grand Junior Deacon
George D. Spencer .....	Grand Marshal
Mack Linebaugh .....	Grand Sword Bearer
C. W. Homan .....	Grand Pursuivant
Wm. H. Hawes .....	Grand Tiler
Wm. W. Clarke .....	Fraternal Correspondent

Twenty-two of the twenty-six past grand masters were in attendance, and eighty-four past masters registered, and five hundred lodges were represented.

Proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. E. L. Powell, Grand Chaplain.

Grand Master G. Allison Holland read his address with Deputy Grand Master Rankins in the chair. From this address is quoted:

"The past year in Masonic circles in Kentucky has been a strenuous one. The whole trend of deepest thought and activity has been toward the completion of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home. It is true that many other smaller matters have intervened to relieve the tension of the greater work, but it is equally true that between the efforts of the Million Dollar Committee to collect, and the equally fervent effort of the Grand Secretary to realize from the assessments against the lodges, we have had a year we shall never forget. There has not been since the assessment of 1886 so much interest manifested in a noble and glorious undertaking as has been manifested during the past year. In 1886, Bernard G. Witt was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and the year he was installed, the Grand Lodge ordered the first assessment made for the benefit of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and during his term of office, he arrested the charters of fifty lodges because

of their failure and refusal to pay the assessment. While there have been charters arrested during the past year, the number is extremely limited and amounts to really nothing. Indeed all of them cannot be attributed to the assessment, because at various times lodges become disintegrated, fail to make reports and pay dues and fall under the discipline of the Constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge. There is always a temptation in the opening of the Grand Master's address to indulge in flowers of rhetoric, verbal pyrotechnics, and other species of intellectual athletics, that go to prove what can be done with the English language; but of all times, this is one in which the Grand Lodge of Kentucky should be confronted with actual facts, plain statements, and such figures as may be necessary to show the delegated authorities of the subordinate lodges in Kentucky what is being done in the interest of the widows and orphans of our deceased brothers, and what has actually been and will be accomplished. To that end, I give you this report, speaking only of those things in which you must be strongly interested, and omitting the details of trifling matters that come up from day to day in the lives of all Masons."

The Grand Master reported the Old Masons' Home as "doing nicely". He strongly recommends that "all personal notes due the Endowment Fund should be collected at once, and the money invested in gilt-edge bonds." Also recommends that Section 20 of the By-Laws be amended in order that every member of the Executive Committee should be a life member and all life members should have membership certificates issued to them.

Had the pleasure of attending the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Va., accompanied by Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick.

Recommended that the Grand Lodge adopt a law making it obligatory upon subordinate lodges to fix the amount of dues not less than five dollars per annum. That the committee on Book of Constitutions be continued another year. Received many invitations to visit lodges; accepted numerous ones but impossible to accept all. Until the new Home was completed and paid for he would not place before the Craft any proposition for outside aid. The Masonic Relief Association is worthy of support. Attended a composite meeting of the lodges of Louisville and Jefferson County held in Louisville May 1, 1926.

Recommended that the charters granted to new lodges state that the ownership and control of all personal property shall vest in the Grand Lodge.

In the matter of Filson Lodge No. 686, for delinquency in dues, the Grand Master allowed it to continue, the dues being settled.

Received letter from Plain City Lodge No. 449 in regard to assessment for Widows and Orphans' Home; letter and reply printed in Proceedings, pages 28, 29 and 30.

Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, Grand Treasurer Garnett made his report as such, reviewing the financial affairs in detail giving receipts and disbursements. The figures are interesting (see Proceedings, pages 66 to 85, inclusive). The following recapitulation is quoted:

Balance in Bank, October 1, 1925 .....	\$317,213.03
Receipts September 30, 1926 .....	397,784.66
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Total .....	\$714,997.69
Disbursements .....	394,975.83
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Balance October 1, 1926 .....	\$320,021.86

A large part of this balance will be distributed during the year in payment of fixed charges of the Grand Lodge and these charges must be paid if the Grand Lodge so orders, therefore, they will be classed as liabilities, making the total estimated disbursements for this year amount to \$345,902.31.

Grand Treasurer Garnett is further quoted: "I have had the honor of serving the Grand Lodge in the capacity of Grand Treasurer for a little over three years. When I came into office I found that the investments of the Grand Lodge were one United States Liberty Bond of the par value of \$5,000. With the approval of the Finance Committee, I made the Louisville Trust Company the depository of the Grand Lodge fund and arranged for it to pay an increased rate of interest on daily balances, and during the past fiscal year I have received as interest on deposits \$1,691.71. During the three years, with the assistance of the Grand Secretary, I have purchased out of the surplus belonging to the Grand Lodge securities of the par value of \$45,500.00, and now hold for the use and benefit of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky the following securities, which are in safety box No. 466 in the vault of the Louisville Trust Company, which box can be entered only when the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer are both present. (See Proceedings, pages 67 and 68, for descriptive list of these securities which now total \$50,500.00.)

"During the fiscal year I clipped from the securities coupons aggregating \$1,485.00, and since October 1, I have clipped from said bonds coupons aggregating \$1,255.00. So that the income produced from the money on deposit and investments aggregates \$4,431.71. In view of the fact that the Grand Lodge now owes a bonded indebtedness of \$600,000.00, which was issued by the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer in obedience to authority given them by the Grand Lodge in its last session, I conceive it to be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to call your

attention to the present financial condition of the Grand Lodge, to the obligations which must be met at fixed times and the assets out of which these obligations can be paid."

Also he says: "By specifically pledging the subscriptions in the hands of the Million Dollar Committee and the assessments, the bondholders have a prior lien on:

Subscriptions of \$20.00 or more in the hands of Million  
 Dollar Committee, aggregating ..... \$317,347.46  
 Assessments payable in 1927 and 1928, estimated at ... 250,000.00  
 By the full faith and credit pledge, the following is  
 covered by mortgage: Bonds in the hands of  
 the Grand Treasurer ..... 50,500.00  
 Assets in the hands of the Treasurer of Educational  
 Trustees, aggregating ..... 201,136.07

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Total ..... \$818,983.53

"In order that we may use securities in the hands of the Grand Treasurer and those in the hands of the Educational Trustees, in the event it is necessary to use them in order to meet bond payments as they become due, it will be necessary for the Grand Lodge to adopt adequate legislation."

The Grand Treasurer in account with the Grand Lodge:  
 Balance in Bank October 1, 1925 ..... \$317,213.03  
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Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick made his report in which he said: "I am pleased to report that although there were at the close of last session 155 lodges that had paid no part of their assessment for the new Home, 55 that had paid only part, and 5 that had not even made returns or paid anything, all have paid in full with the exception of 19."

From his figures the following are taken:  
 Receipts ..... \$714,770.17  
 Disbursements ..... 394,748.67

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Balance September 30, 1926 ..... \$320,021.50  
 Assets ..... 556,344.73  
 Liabilities ..... 295,607.66

Lodges reported October 20, 1925 .....	614
Lodges instituted since .....	2
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Total .....	616
Charters arrested .....	20
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Total October 19, 1926 .....	596
Members August 31, 1925 .....	72,072
Loss shown by returns .....	4,886
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Present membership .....	67,186
Free members .....	951

Further: "I am sorry indeed to be compelled to report so many suspensions. It is to be regretted that so many of our members will submit to suspension rather than pay the assessment for the new Widows and Orphans' Home."

Under "Defunct Lodges" sixteen specific cases were noted. Received from defunct lodges \$606.25; disbursements \$25.61; net receipts \$580.64 (see Proceedings, pages 89, 90 and 91).

Copies of by-laws and amendments received from thirteen lodges and referred to proper committee (see Proceedings, page 92; also books and papers of lodges working under dispensation). Milburn Lodge No. 927 was granted charter October 21, 1925, and set to work by Brother Thomas C. Pettit November 4, 1925.

Nine cases were referred to Committee on Appeals (see Proceedings, page 93).

Permission was given February 28, 1926, for the burial of Mrs. Kate E. Woods, ward of Louisville Lodge No. 400, on the Grand Lodge lot in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Reprint of resolution regarding votes for directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home (see Proceedings, page 93).

Grand Secretary joined with the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer in negotiating a loan of \$600,000.00 and signed the mortgage and the bonds in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last session of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary is again quoted: "I recommend that the Constitution be so amended that when the number of members in a lodge shall be reduced to less than 15 the charter shall be arrested. This will conform to the section which requires 15 members to sign for a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge."

The matter of Winchester Lodge No. 20 was reviewed (see Proceedings, page 94), and made recommendation relative to blanket bond for the financial officers of lodges. Grand Secretary's report referred to proper committees.

The Grand Master announced that busses would be at the entrance of the theatre to take the representatives and their wives to the new Masonic Home.

At 12 o'clock, noon, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 a. m. the next morning.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1926

### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 a. m., Grand Master Holland presiding.

The Million Dollar Committee made extended report (see Proceedings, pages 97, 98 and 99), in which it was stated: "The committee now has on file 28,944 subscriptions from various members of Kentucky lodges, aggregating \$918,468.69, on which payments have been made totaling \$602,412.62. Other bodies have contributed, bringing the total number of subscriptions to 30,224, amounting to \$963,043.10 on which payments have been credited to August 31, 1926, totaling \$687,652.54."

The Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Lodge extended its thanks to Mrs. Alex M. Woodruff for beautiful flowers presented by her.

Past Grand Master John H. Cowles was introduced and given grand honors. He made a beautiful and timely speech.

Past Grand Master H. G. McElroy, chairman of Committee on Necrology, read his report as such, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 100 to 106, inclusive).

Past Grand Master James Garnett, chairman of the Building Committee, made report as such, and upon motion, action on the same was referred to afternoon session.

The following officers were elected:

Charles S. Rankins, Grand Master; Hanson Peterson, Deputy Grand Master; Juhn W. Juett, Grand Senior Warden; Frank D. Rash, Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett, Grand Treasurer; Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to send a telegram of felicitation to Past Grand Masters Gerard of Bowling Green, Ky., and Witt of Henderson, Ky.

Past Grand Master James Garnett moved that when this Grand Lodge adjourn that it be sine die. Carried.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke introduced resolution concerning mileage and per diem of representatives and assessment for the Home (see Proceedings, pages 107 and 108), the same being referred to Committee on Finance. Past Grand Master Owen D. Thomas, for Committee on Finance, made special report on the resolution above referred to, recommending that it be not adopted (see Proceedings, pages 108 to 109).

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock p. m., Grand Master Holland in the chair.

Brother W. H. Tritt, chairman of Credentials Committee, made report, which was adopted, recommending the seating of 138 representatives (see Proceedings, pages 110 to 114, inclusive).

Past Grand Master John H. Cowles, chairman of Special Committee on Clandestine and Irregular Masonry, made report (see Proceedings, pages 114 and 115), recommending that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky recognize the Grand Lodge of France. Adopted. Seven other foreign Grand Lodges were referred to Committee on Doings of Other Grand Lodges.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke made report on "Doings of Other Grand Lodges," and the same was ordered printed in Proceedings (see page 144 and appendix, pages 1 to 88, inclusive).

Brother D. B. Shackelford made a report for Committee on Our Homes.

Past Grand Master James Garnett moved the adoption of said report, except insofar as it relates to the employment of an investigator or inspector as to the admission of applicants to our Homes, which last motion was duly seconded and the same was by a vote of the Grand Lodge, adopted. The report of the committee is printed in full on pages 116 to 120 in Proceedings. The committee visited the Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville. From their report the following is quoted: "We cannot speak too highly of Superintendent Wilhelm. He impressed us as being a thorough business man, capable, interested in his work, kindly and enthusiastic. At the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home we were met by Superintendent Adams, who greeted us in his usual affable manner and conducted us through the institution. In the Home at this time were 33 widows, 208 girls and 235 boys, totaling 476 inmates. Per capita cost for the past year of maintenance is \$190.00. The average of other institutions and homes of similar character is \$385.00. It was a joy and pleasure to meet Mrs. Adams, her whole personality reflecting kindness and love. Brother and Mrs. Adams are evidently peculiarly fitted for this work."

Brother Richard P. Dietzman made report for Committee on Revision of Constitution. It was moved and seconded that amendments be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and the remainder of said report was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 120 to 124, inclusive).

Resumption of report of Building Committee was taken up by Past Grand Master James Garnett, and same adopted, and

the Grand Lodge extended to said Building Committee a vote of thanks. The committee reported (see Proceedings, pages 125 to 129, inclusive): "Platoff & Bush became the lowest bidders and the general contractors for the superintendent's building and teachers' building, widows' building, dining room, industrial building, school building, infirmary, power plant and laundry, entrance and eight dormitories, aggregating the sum of \$1,102,305.00. Contracts have been awarded to other persons for plumbing, heating, lighting, elevators, kitchen equipment, stack, sewerage and roads, so that when the contracts are completed we will have built a plant ready for operation, with the exception of completing the sewerage from our property line to the city sewer, which we estimate will cost about \$40,000.00; seats for the school building, estimated at \$4,000.00, and electric fixtures, estimated at \$14,000.00."

On September 30, 1926, the financial figures stood:

Contracts .....	\$1,597,983.96
Paid .....	992,968.25
Balance .....	\$ 605,015.71

(See Proceedings, page 127, for detail figures, and sale of old Home, also special contributions.) Resolutions were adopted relating to the Million Dollar Committee (see Proceedings, page 130).

Brother T. W. Pennington made report for the Educational Committee, and the same was adopted, stating that: "The work of the Educational Trustees continues to grow. Last year our committee took care of seventy wards; this year, we have seventy-six. By strictest economy we have lived within our income; even greater care will be necessary to do this during the coming year, due to the fact that we have more wards to provide for now than in any previous year." A financial statement follows this report (see Proceedings, pages 131 to 143, inclusive).

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke for Committee on Doings of Other Grand Lodges filed report on the resolution of Past Grand Master John H. Cowles heretofore referred, and the same was adopted (see Proceedings, page 144).

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1926

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock a. m., Grand Master Holland in the chair. Proceedings were opened with recitation of the Lord's Prayer by the Grand Lodge.

Sick and Relief Committee made report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 145 and 146).

Report of Committee on By-Laws announced they had approved the following: White Mills 786, Solomon 5, Hazelwood 489, Jerusalem 9, Favorite 581, Pond River 244, Boaz 850, Stone 890, Compass 223, Yocom 897, St. George 239, Simpson Benevolent 177, Robert Burns 163, Willis Stewart 224, Newport 358, Unity 478, Dougherty 65, Thomas Devenny U. D. (see Proceedings, pages 147 and 148).

Committee on Lodges U. D. by Brother A. H. Bryant was read and adopted (see Proceedings, pages 148 and 149).

Brother J. L. Vest moved that a tablet memorializing the Building Committee of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home be placed on some building of said Home, thereupon the Grand Master offered an amendment to said motion that on said tablet be placed the names of the Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, which amendment was accepted and the same upon motion and second was adopted.

Deputy Grand Master Rankins in the chair. The report of Committee on Appeals read by A. A. Hazelrigg adopted by sections then as a whole. It reviewed nine cases giving decisions in each (see Proceedings, pages 150 to 154, inclusive).

The Grand Master moved that the Million Dollar Committee and the Grand Secretary be authorized to employ an auditor to make settlement between said Million Dollar Committee and the Grand Secretary at an expense not exceeding \$100.00, which motion was duly seconded and adopted.

The Committee on Visitors reported the presence of Past Grand Master John H. Cowles of Washington, D. C.

Past Grand Master Owen D. Thomas filed final report of Finance Committee, which was adopted. The report stated that the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, together with the reports of the expert accountants appointed to examine said reports and audit the same, were all in proper condition and approved (see Proceedings, pages 156, 157 and 158).

Grand Master Holland in the chair. Past Grand Master Peak read report of Committee on Jurisprudence, and the same was adopted, by sections and as a whole. (For decisions and opinions see Proceedings, pages 159, 160 and 161, preceded by objections, opinions following were approved.) In regard to property held by subordinate lodges, the committee submitted the following amendment to the Constitution which is to lay over until next meeting of the Grand Lodge:

"That when a subordinate lodge shall hereafter be chartered by the Grand Lodge, that it be stated in the granting of the charter that the ownership title and control of all personal and real property shall vest in the Grand Lodge."

Section 206 of the Constitution says: "Defunct lodge property of every kind shall at once become the property of the Grand Lodge and subject to its absolute control."

The Grand Secretary's report is on pages 163 and 164 of Proceedings, wherein specific recommendations were made, and approved.

Past Grand Master Garnett moved that the editor of the Masonic Home Journal be, and he is hereby instructed to collate and publish, as soon as practicable, all resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge at its present session.

Grand Master Holland presented to the Grand Lodge the copper plates which were taken from a cornerstone of a building in Lexington which was burned, and the Grand Secretary was requested to place the same in the archives of the Grand Lodge. Past Grand Master Garnett moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be given Brother Holland for securing these plates and presenting them to the Grand Lodge. Carried.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer is ordered to pay the interest only at 6 per cent on \$20,000.00 to the Educational Committee instead of the \$20,000.00 paid yearly as heretofore."

The Grand Secretary re-appointed Brother Alex M. Woodruff, Assistant Grand Secretary, which appointment was approved by the Grand Master, and after making his own appointments, the following officers were duly installed by Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke:

Charles S. Rankins, Grand Master.

Hanson Peterson, Deputy Grand Master.

John W. Juett, Grand Senior Warden.

Frank D. Rash, Grand Junior Warden.

James Garnett, Grand Treasurer.

Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary.

Rev. E. R. Overly, Grand Chaplain.

Guy T. Johnson, Grand Senior Deacon.

F. S. Monahan, Grand Junior Deacon.

H. C. Emerson, Grand Marshal.

George Rost, Grand Sword Bearer.

C. E. Peterson, Grand Pursuivant.

Wm. H. Hawes, Grand Tiler.

Past Grand Master Peak, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented Past Grand Master Holland the past grand master's jewel, which was accepted in suitable manner by Brother Holland.

Grand Master Rankins was presented with a traveling bag and toilet set on behalf of Newport Lodge No. 358, and the past masters of same lodge presented him with a brief case. Brother Sam Y. Jones, Lodge No. 132, presented him with a gavel made from wood from the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln. Robert

Burns Lodge No. 163 presented him with a basket of chrysanthemums, and the masters of northern Kentucky presented him with an umbrella.

Past Grand Master Grundy offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge recognizes with thanks the splendid efforts and success of Grand Master Holland in his year's service, and hereby expresses its recognition of his impartiality in presiding over this Grand Body and the high character of his labors, together with his absolute fairness and dignified bearing. To this end we make this record in compliment to his achievements as both man and Mason."

Grand Master Rankins appointed the following committees: Appeals—James Keeley, A. A. Hazelrigg and Perry Miller.

By-Laws—R. W. Smith, Fred Roth and Nathaniel Corbin.

Credentials—W. H. Tritt, Ralph Trimble and H. A. Rogers.

Finance—O. D. Thomas, John T. Kincaid and Geo. L. Blackford.

Jurisprudence—Orie S. Ware, A. S. Yewell and Jos. W. Morris.

Lodges U. D.—Al. H. Bryant, Geo. W. Krauth and H. K. Veach.

Necrology—H. S. McElroy.

Our Homes—W. C. Black, Moses R. Glenn and John T. Mayes.

Proceedings—W. W. Clarke.

Visitors—C. G. Gault, S. F. Shawhan and W. T. Price.

Biography—A. Gordon Sulser.

Educational Committee—J. H. Richmond, C. A. McMillan, John T. Graves, Frank Shattuck, C. F. Weaver, T. W. Pennington, and John J. Howe.

Million Dollar—G. Allison Holland, Will W. Duffield, A. G. Sulser, Frank D. Rash, and H. M. Grundy.

Work—W. J. Piggott, N. R. Day, T. J. Adams, Joe Ewalt, E. E. Nelson, J. E. Wilhelm and J. Overall.

Grand Lecturer—W. A. Guthrie.

Constitution—G. Allison Holland, Fred W. Hardwick, J. N. Saunders, G. B. Winslow and R. P. Dietzman.

On final roll call of representatives thirteen lodges did not respond and thirty-eight were not represented.

Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 1:50 o'clock p. m.

C. S. RANKINS, Grand Master.

FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Charles Silverthorn  
Rankins

1927

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Born 1881

Bro. Charles S. Rankins was born April 20, 1881, in Augusta, Bracken County, Kentucky. Reared in this little city on the Ohio, he obtained his early education there and started his college course in old Augusta College. His family moved to Covington, Kentucky, and here in the Covington High School and Rugby Military Academy he received the balance of his higher education.

His early business life was among the railroad offices of Cincinnati, Ohio. At the present time he is connected with the Methodist Book Concern of that city.

The brethren of Newport Lodge No. 358, of Newport, Kentucky, very soon after having raised this brother to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, recognized his ability as a parliamentarian and wise counselor, pressed him into the service of their lodge. In December, 1912, he was elected Master, serving faithfully and well during the year 1913.

In October, 1923, he was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and was advanced regularly each year, serving as Grand Master from October, 1926, to October, 1927. Bro. Rankins is a deep student of Masonry and mankind, his opinion on subjects pertaining to Masonry being sought frequently, but only given after much thought and consideration.

## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1927

The One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was called to order at ten o'clock Tuesday morning, October 18, 1927, in the Shubert Building, Fourth and Chestnut Streets, Louisville, Kentucky, Most Worshipful Grand Master Charles S. Rankins presiding. The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and prayer was offered by the Rev. E. R. Overly, Grand Chaplain. Grand Master Rankins was assisted by the following Grand Officers:

Hanson Peterson .....	Deputy Grand Master
Dr. John W. Juett .....	Grand Senior Warden
Frank D. Rash .....	Grand Junior Warden
James Garnett .....	Grand Treasurer
Fred W. Hardwick .....	Grand Secretary
Alex M. Woodruff .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Guy T. Johnson .....	Grand Senior Deacon
F. F. Monahan .....	Grand Junior Deacon
E. R. Overly .....	Grand Chaplain
H. C. Emerson .....	Grand Marshal
George Rost .....	Grand Sword Bearer
C. E. Peterson .....	Grand Pursuivant
W. H. Hawes .....	Grand Tiler

Out of thirty-one then living past grand masters, twenty-three were present. There were 141 past masters registered in the Grand Secretary's office. Out of 596 lodges on the roster of the Grand Lodge only 29 failed to send representatives to this session of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master, in opening his address, said:

"I believe the best way we can pay a debt of gratitude to Masonry for being permitted to have our names carried on its roster is by being sincere in our efforts to abide by its teachings. If there is any better way than that I have never heard of it. It is actually nauseating at times to learn of some members representing practically every walk of life, disregarding entirely the principles of the fraternity, showing preference for their own views and working to the interest of their personal aggrandizement. It is true those are in the minority, but times are changing, and it is our duty for the majority of Masons whom I am satisfied are sincere and loyal to stand fast for Masonic principles; so that the honor, glory and reputation of the fraternity may be firmly established and the world at large convinced of its good effects."

Of the Home Journal, Grand Master Rankins said: "When a better Masonic paper is printed. Brother 'Judge' Moore and Brother E. D. Swimme will print it. This may also be said as

to the courtesy each of them has shown me on numerous occasions."

At the conclusion of his address, he said: "Brethren, you have heard the record of my official acts for the year as Grand Master. I alone am responsible. If I was right in any instance, attribute it to the teachings of Masonry. If I was wrong, blame the individual."

Grand Treasurer James Garnett submitted his report, which showed the following figures:

Total Receipts .....	\$787,747.53
Total Disbursements .....	535,275.03

Balance as of September 30, 1927 .....	\$252,472.50
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This report was referred to the Finance Committee.

Grand Secretary Brother Fred W. Hardwick presented his fifth annual report, which gave the following statistics:

Number of lodges reported Oct. 1, 1926 .....	596
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Number of lodges instituted since Oct. 1, 1926 .....	3
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Charters restored .....	4
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603

Charters surrendered .....	3
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Charters arrested .....	3
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Lodges consolidated .....	1
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Total number of lodges October 18, 1927 .....	596
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Members per returns received August 31, 1926 .....	67,186
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Members initiated since last returns .....	2,128
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Members admitted since last returns .....	562
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Members reinstated since last returns .....	711
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Returns not received from 6 lodges—	
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members reported 1926 .....	450
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3,851

Members expelled since last returns .....	30
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Members demitted since last returns .....	842
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Members suspended since last returns .....	3,987
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Members died since last returns .....	779
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Loss of members by reason of defunct lodges .....	164
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5,802

Apparent loss .....	1,951
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Present membership .....	65,235
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Upon motion of Past Grand Master James Garnett, the Grand Secretary was directed to bring before the Grand Body at 11:30 a. m. the next day, October 19th, the boxes removed from the cornerstone of the old Masonic Home on Second Street, for the

purpose of opening same and displaying the contents to the Grand Lodge.

At twelve o'clock, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9:30 o'clock the next morning. The Grand Master announced that the Grand Lodge was at labor on the Entered Apprentice degree for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home at 2:30 p. m.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1927

### MORNING SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor Wednesday morning, October 19, 1927, at 9:30 o'clock, the Most Worshipful Grand Master C. S. Rankins presiding, and all of the Grand Officers in their respective stations.

Dr. A. M. Showalter, Grand Senior Deacon and representative of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia, was presented by Brother John J. Howe, of the Distinguished Visitors' Committee, and after being introduced to the Grand Lodge by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, delivered an entertaining and instructive address.

Brother J. H. Richmond, chairman of the Committee on Education, made a report for such committee and moved that all of said report, except that referring to finance, be adopted, and that so much of said report as refers to finance be referred to the Finance Committee. Past Grand Master James Garnett offered an amendment to said motion and moved that the entire report be referred to Finance Committee, which amendment was accepted by the said Committee on Education and said report is referred in its entirety to said Finance Committee.

Past Grand Master Henry S. McElroy, chairman of the Committee on Necrology, submitted a report, and upon motion, seconded, same was adopted by a rising vote.

Brother A. H. Bryant, chairman of the Committee on Lodges U. D., made a report, which was adopted.

Deputy Grand Master Hanson Peterson made a report as to changes in Constitution, and upon motion, the same was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence. The report read as follows:

"Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be amended as follows:

"(1) By striking out Section 98 as it now occurs in said Constitution and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"(1) Any brother may affiliate with more than one lodge at the same time.

"(2) That lodge of this jurisdiction of which he was first a member shall pay all Grand Lodge dues and assessments on

said member. All lodges of this jurisdiction with which he shall afterward affiliate shall not be required to pay said dues and assessments, provided said lodge shall in the annual returns report him as a dual member and give the number of the lodge in which his original membership is held.

"(3) Suspension or expulsion from any lodge with which a brother is affiliated shall suspend or expel him from every lodge with which he may have affiliated in this jurisdiction."

"(2) Section 116 be amended by adding the words 'by demit' after the word 'affiliation' in the first line so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

"Section 116. Residence. No petition for degrees or affiliation by demit shall be balloted on by any lodge, unless the petitioner shall have been continuously a bona fide resident of its jurisdiction for at least six months, or obtained a waiver from the lodge having jurisdiction of it."

"(3) Section 119 be amended by adding thereto the words 'or the name and number of any lodge of which he may be a member at that time in good standing.' Said section when amended shall read as follows:

"Section 119. Written or printed. Petitions must be in writing (or printed), signed by the petitioner, giving his occupation, date and place of birth and place where he has resided during the previous twelve months; also the degree attained, if any, and whether or not his petition has ever been presented to or rejected by a Masonic lodge—if it has, then the name, number and location of the lodge petitioned must be given; or the name and number of any lodge of which he may be a member in good standing."

"(4) That Section 120 be amended by adding at the beginning thereof the words 'a certificate of membership,' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

"Section 120. Certificate of membership or demit accompanies petition. A certificate of membership, a demit or its equivalent, must accompany petition for affiliation, except as in Section 145, and be retained by the lodge petitioned if the petitioner be elected to membership; and no lodge shall admit a brother to membership without a certificate of membership, a demit or its equivalent. If rejected, the certificate of membership or demit shall be returned to him. This applies to brothers of any degree."

Past Grand Master Garnett offered the report for the Building Committee, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Past Grand Master Clarke made his report on Doings of Other Grand Lodges, which was printed in the Proceedings as an appendix.

Past Grand Master Witt moved that the Board of Directors and Building Committee of the new Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home be requested to appear before the Grand Lodge on this day, and advise with said Grand Lodge as to the advisability of erecting necessary buildings and moving the Grand Secretary's office and the meeting place of this Grand Lodge in the future to the grounds of the new Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, adjoining the City of Louisville, and said motion, after being duly seconded, was adopted.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded with the election of Grand Officers, which resulted as follows:

Hanson Peterson, Grand Master; J. W. Juett, Deputy Grand Master; Frank D. Rash, Grand Senior Warden; John X. Taylor, Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett, Grand Treasurer; Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary.

Brother W. H. Tritt made the report for the Committee on Credentials, which was adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor on the Master Mason degree at 2:30 p. m.

Brother John L. Vest offered a resolution with reference to the place where Grand Lodge should hold its annual sessions in the future. The resolution was adopted.

Past Grand Master R. F. Peak offered the following resolution:

"Amend Section 9 of the Constitution by striking out the word 'Louisville' and substituting the words 'Jefferson County,' so as amended it will read:

"Meetings. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky shall hold its Annual Communication in Jefferson County on the third Tuesday in October of each year."

The same was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

"Whereas, Past Grand Master James Garnett, in December 1917, at a meeting held at the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Founding of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary of Kentucky, presented to that meeting a vision of a new Home and Infirmary, which he then prophesied would be built by the Masons of Kentucky within fifty years at a cost of One Million Dollars; and at an Annual Communication in 1918 addressed this Grand Lodge on the subject whereby the Grand Lodge saw fit to appoint a committee to inquire into the propriety of building a new Home.

"Whereas, He has devoted the past ten years of his life to bringing about a fulfillment of that prophecy, and through his tireless and efficient labors he has caused this new Home to be erected at a cost of approximately Two Million Dollars and within ten years from the time when the prophecy was first made, and no suitable provision has as yet been made to commemorate his valuable labors rendered to the Masons of Kentucky.

"Therefore be it Resolved, That as a partial recognition of the services rendered by Brother Garnett in the erection of this Home, that the Building Committee of the Home be, and it is hereby authorized and directed to designate the Educational Building, now upon the grounds of the Home, as Garnett Hall, and that a suitably engraved stone in his honor be placed in or upon the building."

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock a. m., October 20, 1927.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1927

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor on the Master Mason degree, Thursday, October 20, 9 o'clock a. m., with Most Worshipful Grand Master Charles S. Rankins presiding and all the Grand Officers in their respective stations.

The Proceedings opened with prayer by the Right Rev. Grand Chaplain E. R. Overly.

Brother L. S. Grauman, chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, submitted his report, which was adopted.

Past Grand Master Ware, chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, made the report for that committee, which was adopted. It was as follows:

1. We recommend that the consolidation of Rockhold Lodge No. 795 with Williamsburg Lodge No. 490 be ratified and approved.
2. We recommend that all dispensations granted and refused by the Grand Master be approved.
3. The Grand Master reports that under Section 115 of the Constitution, which provides a candidate shall possess no maim or deformity to prevent being perfectly instructed, or in his own person instructing other, and "of all this the lodge is the sole judge," that he ruled that petitions of candidates with certain physical impairments could not be received. Your committee holds that these expressions of opinion by the Grand Master can not be regarded as decisive in view of the language of the Constitution, but may be considered by the lodge in each case under the facts in determining for itself the physical qualifications of the applicant. The lodges should honestly determine whether or not the maim or defect is such as to disqualify the

candidate under the letter and spirit of the law, and should receive none whose qualifications do not conform thereto, but the lodge remains the "sole judge" in each instance.

4. E. E. Smith made application for initiation, and a committee was appointed to investigate. Two of the committee investigated E. C. Smyth by mistake and reported unfavorably, and upon the ballot E. E. Smith was rejected. Upon this fact being developed the question arose as to the status of E. E. Smith and the Grand Master held nothing could be done until the time expired in which he could re-petition. In this he was in error as the mistake of fact vitiates the action of the lodge on the committee report, and on the mistake being noted in the minutes, the Master should have declared the report of the committee and ballot thereon void, and have the committee investigate and report on the proper person and ballot on him again in the usual way.

5. The Grand Master recommends the creation of a trial committee by the Grand Lodge to hear and determine all cases arising in this Grand Jurisdiction, but your committee feels that the adoption of the amendment to Section 50 of the Constitution vesting much of this work in the Committee on Appeals, will very effectively meet the needs suggested by the Grand Master, and we have, therefore, recommended the adoption of the amendment to another part of this report.

6. At the last communication of this Grand Lodge, the committee appointed to revise, compile and annotate the Constitution and Regulations with a view of presenting a new publication, submitted to the Grand Lodge several amendments to the Constitution which were published in the Proceedings of 1926, and which, on recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, have laid over for one year for your consideration and action. In conformity with the recommendations of the committee, we now recommend that:

Section 50 be amended to read as follows:

The Committee on Appeals shall consist of three permanent members of the Grand Lodge with qualification of Judge of the Circuit Court as provided by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to be appointed by the Grand Master, one to serve one year, one to serve two years, one to serve three years, the oldest in point of service to be chairman, and the vacancy each year to be filled for a term of three years. The judicial power of the Grand Lodge shall be vested entirely in this committee with final power, subject, however, to the right of any parties aggrieved to appeal to the Grand Lodge. The Committee on Appeals shall have exclusive and final jurisdiction to hear and determine all trials of masters of lodges and controversies between different lodges and the trial of such charges for

breaches of Masonic laws by members of lodges as the Grand Master may direct; provided, however, that the Grand Master shall not refer to said committee for trial charges preferred against a member of a lodge, not an officer, unless requested by the lodge in which accused holds membership so to do. Provided further, that upon the failure of such lodge to request such reference, members of the lodge constituting ten per cent of the entire membership may, in writing, request such reference to the Grand Master, in which event he shall be authorized to refer the charges to the committee, which shall have exclusive and final jurisdiction of the trial of the offense. The committee is authorized to adopt regulations to govern the procedure in all trials, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, and until changed, as herein provided, the regulations now in force shall govern. All laws or parts of laws inconsistent with, or in conflict with this provision, be and are hereby repealed.

That Section 54 be amended to read as follows:

The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consist of three members, each of whom shall be a past grand master, one to serve one year, one to serve two years, and one to serve three years, the one each year with the shortest time to serve to be chairman, and after the first appointment as thus provided, the vacancy each year shall be filled for a term of three years. The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consider and report upon questions of Masonic law and usage, except such as pertain to the by-laws of lodges. At the communication at which any constitutional amendment may be offered, the Jurisprudence Committee shall report whether, in its opinion, the same should or should not lie over for future consideration. Unfinished business of the last communication shall be reported by the Jurisprudence Committee for consideration of the Grand Lodge.

That Section 128 be amended to read as follows:

If two unfavorable ballots appear against a candidate he shall be declared rejected; nor can his petition for initiation be balloted on in less than twelve months, nor for advancement or membership in less than six months after such rejection and then only after one month's previous notice.

That Section 129 be amended to read as follows:

In balloting on a petition, if only one negative appear, a second ballot shall immediately take place; if on the second ballot, one negative again appear the petitioner shall be declared rejected; and for initiation no ballot shall be taken for the same candidate in less than twelve months; or if it were a ballot for the advancement of a candidate, or for membership, no ballot shall again be taken for the same candidate in less than six months.

That Section 165 be amended to read as follows:

If the delinquent fail to pay dues in conformity with the notice, or to give satisfactory reason for his delinquency, the lodge may, by majority vote, of those present, excuse or suspend him.

That Section 170 be amended to read as follows:

All lodge trials shall be held at a stated meeting of the lodge opened on the highest degree to which the accused has attained or at a called meeting for the purpose of which meeting all members of the lodge, who have attained the degree upon which the lodge is to be opened, shall have notice; and the finding and penalty shall be determined separately and by ballot.

That Section 176 be amended to read as follows:

If there be reasonable grounds for believing that the master of a lodge has been guilty of unmasonic conduct, the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master may suspend him from office and shall furnish him with a copy of the charges and specifications or complaint against him with notice of reference thereof to the Committee on Appeals to fix a time and place for an investigation thereof, after notice to him by said committee.

That Section 177 be amended to read as follows:

Said committee shall keep a full verified record of its proceedings, append its findings and shall determine whether the suspension ought to be for a definite period, and if so for what time, or be made permanent, or accused acquitted, and send, properly indexed and styled, the record, evidence and documents relating to the investigation and its decision thereof to the Grand Master.

That Section 178 be amended to read as follows:

The Grand Master shall send a copy of the committee's decision to the accused and to his lodge and transmit the whole record to the Grand Secretary for permanent file in his office.

That Section 183 be amended to read as follows:

The accused or any brother being a member of the same lodge and declaring himself aggrieved by the decision of the lodge may appeal to the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge at the next annual communication thereof, and the same Committee on Appeals shall adjudicate the matter, subject to right of appeal.

That Section 187 be amended to read as follows:

If the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge shall declare a trial irregular, or the sentence illegal, the trial is thereby made void, held for naught, and the accused is *ipso facto* restored to the same status in his lodge and the fraternity that he held at the time charges were preferred, but he may be retried to the same or new charges.

That Section 188 be amended to read as follows:

If the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge shall restore to good standing a Mason who has been suspended or expelled, he is not thereby restored to membership in his lodge, but only restored so far as it affects his standing with the Craft at large, and he may obtain certificate of that fact from the Grand Secretary, which certificate shall operate as a demit.

That Section 190 be amended to read as follows:

All of the evidence and all proceedings taken shall be reduced to writing and be forwarded to the Grand Secretary in time to reach him on or before the Saturday preceding the annual communication at which the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge may act thereon.

That Section 209 be amended to read as follows:

If the provisions of Section 208 be not complied with, the last officers of the lodge which shall become defunct shall be cited by the Grand Master to answer to charges for violation of this Constitution, either before the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge or in some subordinate lodge to be designated by the Grand Master, who may appoint a brother to represent the Grand Lodge at the trial of such delinquents on said charges.

That Section 217 be amended to read as follows:

A demit to one who was a member of a lodge, which has become defunct, shall be issued by the Grand Secretary, upon such member making application therefor, and having the application recommended by a lodge in whose jurisdiction he may then reside; also paying to the Grand Secretary the amount of his indebtedness to his former (defunct) lodge together with all Grand Lodge dues and assessments, he or his lodge for him, would have owed at the time of his application but for his lodge having become defunct, and the demit may be issued without regard to any time limit. The same rule shall apply to all persons who were suspended for non-payment of dues by said lodge prior to the time the lodge became defunct.

That Section 180 be amended to read as follows:

A brother suspended for non-payment of dues shall rest under the suspension only until payment thereof shall be made. Payment of the amount owing up to the time he was suspended, and of the amount he or his lodge for him would, at the time of payment, have owed the Grand Lodge as dues or assessments but for the suspension, shall restore him to membership without any action of the lodge, but a notation of the fact shall be made in the minutes; provided, however, if he shall remain suspended for two years, or longer, he can be restored to good standing only on payment of said sums and re-election to membership by consent of three-fourths of the members present—expressed by ballot, after regular petition—which must be referred to and re-

ported on by a committee the same as any other petition for membership.

That Section 165 be amended to read as follows:

If the delinquent fail to pay dues and indebtedness in conformity with the notice, the lodge may suspend him, or if a satisfactory reason for the delinquency be given, the lodge may excuse him. In either event, the decision shall be made by majority vote of those present. It shall not be necessary to go through any formalities of a trial other than as stated in this section and in Sections 162-164 of the Constitution.

7. We recommend that the following resolution, offered by Deputy Grand Master Hanson Peterson, suggesting changes in the Constitution, lie over until the next annual communication for consideration:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be amended as follows:

(1) By striking out Section 98 as it now occurs in said Constitution and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

(A) Any brother may affiliate with more than one lodge at the same time.

(B) That lodge of this jurisdiction of which he was first a member shall pay all Grand Lodge dues and assessments on said member. All lodges of this jurisdiction with which he shall afterward affiliate shall not be required to pay said dues and assessments, provided said lodge shall in the annual returns report him as a dual member and give the number of the lodge in which his original membership is held.

(C) Suspension or expulsion from any lodge with which a brother is affiliated shall suspend or expel him from every lodge with which he may have affiliated in this jurisdiction.

(2) Section 116 be amended by adding the words (by demit) after the word "affiliation" in the first line so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

Section 116. Residence. No petition for degrees or affiliation by demit shall be balloted on by any lodge, unless the petitioner shall have been continually a bona fide resident of its jurisdiction for at least six months, or obtained a waiver from the lodge having jurisdiction of it.

(3) Section 119 be amended by adding thereto the words (or the name and number of any lodge of which he may be a member at that time in good standing). Said section when amended shall read as follows:

Section 119. Written or printed. Petitions must be in writing (or printed), signed by the petitioner giving his occupation, date and place of birth and place where he has resided during the previous twelve months; also the degree attained if any, and whether or not his petition has ever been presented to or rejected

by a Masonic lodge—if it has, then the name, number and location of the lodge petitioned must be given; or the name and number of any lodge of which he may be a member in good standing.

(4) That Section 120 be amended by adding at the beginning thereof the words (a certificate of membership) so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

Section 120. Certificate of membership or demit accompanies petition. A certificate of membership, a demit or its equivalent, must accompany petition for affiliation, except as in Section 145, and be retained by the lodge petitioned if the petitioner be elected to membership; and no lodge shall admit a brother to membership without a certificate of membership, a demit or its equivalent. If rejected, the certificate of membership or demit shall be returned to him. This applies to brothers of any degree.

8. We recommend that the amendment to Section 146, set out on page 122 of the Proceedings of 1926, fixing the minimum dues to be charged by subordinate lodges, again lie over for action at the next annual communication.

9. At the last communication, this committee recommended that an amendment to Section 202 of the Constitution lie over for action at this meeting, and we now recommend that said section, as offered last year, be now amended to read as follows:

"No charter or dispensation shall be surrendered by a lodge so long as there are fifteen Master Masons, members thereof who will maintain and work under it conformably to the laws of the Grand Lodge."

10. The following amendment was at the last communication of the Grand Lodge presented to lie over until this year for action, viz.:

"Returns shall be made in duplicate and with ink. After examination and correction, one copy thereof shall be retained and preserved by the lodge secretary and the other shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary not later than September 10th. If any lodge shall fail to make returns as required, it shall be cited to show cause why its charter shall not be arrested."

We recommend that the foregoing amendment be not adopted.

11. We recommend that all other matters in the address of the Grand Master, including the edict, decisions and opinions referred to this committee, be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

Orie S. Ware,

Jos. W. Morris,

A. S. Yewell,

Committee.

Brother C. G. Gault submitted the report for the Committee on Visitors. Report adopted.

Brother C. G. Gault, for this committee, made the report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of Kentucky:

We, your Committee on Visitors, submit the following report:

There have been the following distinguished Masons who have visited this communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky:

H. Lee Fox, Grand Master of Tennessee.

O. J. Smith, Grand Master of Indiana.

C. H. Byrn, Past Grand Master of Tennessee, and Past Grand High Priest of Tennessee.

A. E. McCulloch, Past Grand Master of Tennessee.

Stith M. Cain, Grand Secretary of Tennessee.

Wm. P. Chandler, Past Grand Commander of Tennessee and representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

David D. King, Past Grand Master of Illinois.

Dr. A. M. Showalter, Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

James Bowman, personal representative of the Grand Master of Virginia.

F. W. Boyd, Superintendent of Homes of Indiana, Franklin, Indiana.

All of whom have been presented and addressed this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

C. G. Gault,

S. F. Shawhan,

Committee.

Past Grand Master Smith offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be, and they are hereby tendered to Brothers Fred W. Hardwick and Charles A. Hardwick for furnishing and erecting at the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home a flag staff, on which the flag of our country waves proudly. It was thoughtful of these brothers to thus furnish this flag staff on which the emblem of Liberty, so revered by every Mason, can be hoisted to the breeze.

Past Grand Master Holland made a final report for the Million Dollar Committee and asked for the discharge of said committee, which upon motion, was accepted with thanks for the work done on this committee. The report was as follows:

The Million Dollar Committee desires to report that its labors were practically ended with the close of the last annual communication. However, the Grand Lodge expressed a desire,

through a resolution, that the committee be retained for whatever service might be rendered from that time on. We give a brief resume of what the committee has accomplished, as shown by its annual report from October, 1919, to 1925, inclusive. The committee secured during that time subscriptions in numbers and amount as follows:

Subscriptions	Amount
Oct., 1919— 3,932 .....	\$136,186.50
Oct., 1920—25,267 .....	710,385.34
Oct., 1921— 5,256 .....	124,060.76
Oct., 1922— 8,280 .....	163,449.46
Oct., 1923— 660 .....	10,675.75
Oct., 1924— 1,259 .....	27,178.05
Oct., 1925— 184 .....	3,262.96
44,838	\$1,175,198.82

Since the above subscriptions were made, there were canceled by death 1,373 subscriptions, amounting to \$30,011.65.

There were canceled by suspensions and errors 2,869 subscriptions, amounting to \$78,444.61.

There were 623 subscriptions made for sums less than \$20.00 on which no payments have been made, and these were canceled, amounting to \$22,405.09.

There were 9,749 subscriptions made for sums under \$20.00 each on which partial payments have been made, and which were canceled on account of the assessment made against lodges by the Grand Lodge. Those subscriptions amounted to \$11,294.37.

These canceled subscriptions by death, suspensions and errors, and sums under \$20.00, as stated, amounted in the aggregate to \$212,155.72, leaving a net balance October, 1926, of 30,224 subscriptions amounting to \$963,043.10.

There were 1,924 subscriptions made on which no payments were made at all, and they amounted to \$69,139.00.

This is a final and accurate report of the financial status of the committee, all of whose books, properties, subscriptions and monies were turned over last year to the Grand Secretary, who now holds them and is continuing collections on the subscriptions.

The accounts of the committee were properly audited and the accounts closed October 30, 1926, showing the total resources and disbursements and cash balance turned over to the Grand Secretary, but we call attention to the fact that the net number of valid subscriptions was 30,224, which amounted to \$963,043.10.

All the expenses of the committee have heretofore been reported to the Grand Lodge, financial settlement made with the Grand Secretary and the committee has now completed its labors.

Before closing this report, the committee cannot refrain from expressing its high appreciation of the beneficial labors of its treasurer, Past Grand Master William Carson Black, and also of the splendid service of its efficient secretary, A. R. Kimmerling, and his chief clerk, Miss Lottie Taylor. These have labored with us constantly from the beginning and their efforts have been productive to a wonderful degree.

Therefore, the Million Dollar Committee now makes this its final report and with feelings of gratitude to all the brothers in Kentucky Masonry who have contributed to the success the committee has attained in raising money for the new Home, it begs of the Grand Lodge to be relieved from further service.

G. Allison Holland, Chm.,  
Will Ward Duffield,  
H. M. Grundy,  
A. Gordon Sulser,  
Frank D. Rash,

Committee.

This day, Past Grand Master Owen D. Thomas, chairman of the Committee on Finance, made a report and moved its adoption by sections. Thereupon Brother John J. Howe moved to amend the section relating to the Educational Trustees, etc., by striking out the words "When and as needed," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "When directed so to do by formal vote of the Grand Lodge," and upon a vote said amendment was rejected and said section was adopted as written, and said report was adopted as a whole.

This day, Brother A. A. Hazelrigg, chairman of the Committee on Appeals, made a report as such, which upon motion and second, was adopted by sections and as a whole.

Brother James H. Richmond tendered and filed the resignation of the Educational Trustees, which upon motion and second, was accepted. It reads as follows:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.:

"We, the members of the Educational Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, do hereby resign, effective at the end of our fiscal year, August 31, 1928."

Signed by: Chas. F. Weaver, Jas. H. Richmond, C. A. McLellan, Jno. T. Graves, T. W. Pennington, John J. Howe, and C. M. Sinclair.

Grand Master Peterson appointed the following officers: Grand Chaplain, Rev. Clyde Darsie; Grand Senior Deacon, Leon LaForce; Grand Junior Deacon, C. H. Sutherland; Grand Marshal, Crit M. Arnold; Grand Sword Bearer, H. C. Buckner; Grand Pursuivant, L. M. Gaffin; Grand Tiler, W. H. Hawes.

The following committees were appointed by the Grand Master:

Appeals—A. A. Hazelrigg, Perry Miller, J. B. Ross.

By-Laws—L. F. Zerfoss, Walter Meager, J. W. Hardin.

Credentials—W. H. Tritt, J. M. Hutsell, Louis S. Rice.

Finance—John T. Kincaid, Charles H. Bohmer, Geo. L. Blackford.

Jurisprudence—Orie S. Ware, Henry P. Barret, Joseph H. Ewalt.

Lodges U. D.—Al. H. Bryant, Guy T. Johnson, George Rost.

Necrology—H. S. McElroy.

Our Homes—Ralph Trimble, Walter W. Rubel, A. S. Yewell.

Proceedings of Other Grand Lodges—W. W. Clarke.

Visitors—Paul P. Price, R. G. Tipton, J. M. Cochran.

Grand Lecturer—Dr. W. A. Guthrie.

Work—N. R. Day, T. J. Adams, Joe Ewalt, E. E. Nelson, Dr. J. Overall, S. P. Alderson, Jas. E. Wilhelm.

Educational Trustees—Jas. H. Richmond, C. A. McMillan, John T. Graves, Frank E. Shattuck, Chas. F. Weaver, T. W. Pennington, John J. Howe.

The Grand Secretary appointed Alex M. Woodruff (820) Assistant Grand Secretary, which appointment was approved by the Grand Master.

Past Grand Master Holland offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge deeply appreciates the patient industry and good service rendered by our retiring Grand Master, Charles S. Rankins, during the past year; that we recognize his absolute fairness, impartiality and ability in handling the questions before him during vacation and in the transaction of the business of this Grand Lodge; that we now and here extend to him our sincere gratitude for the splendid manner in which he has performed his arduous duties and wish for him a long life of happiness and prosperity."

Past Grand Master Clarke installed the Grand Officers, elected and appointed, assisted by Past Grand Master Fred Acker, as Marshal.

Past Grand Master Holland presented Past Grand Master Rankins with a past grand master's jewel.

After roll call, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 1:45 p. m., with prayer by Rev. J. E. Wright.

HANSON PETERSON, Grand Master.

FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary.



## ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Hanson Peterson

1928

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Born 1869

Hanson Peterson was born August 10, 1869, in Nicholas County, Kentucky. His father was Charles Henry Peterson, his mother Nancy Rankin Peterson. His grandfather was Past Master of Orient Lodge No. 500. Henry Peterson, the grandfather of Hanson Peterson, emigrated to Kentucky from Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, in 1820. Hanson Peterson was educated in the common schools and at the Kentucky Wesleyan College. He taught school, read law in the office of M. C. Swinford and began practice in 1898, in Cynthiana. He was County Attorney of Harrison County six years; Master Commissioner of the Harrison Circuit twenty years; a member of the M. E. Church, South, of Cynthiana. His wife was Miss Marie Jouett. He was initiated in Orient Lodge No. 500 on August 28, 1890; demitted to Amity Lodge No. 40, Millersburg, Kentucky, and later to St. Andrew's Lodge No. 18, Cynthiana, of which he is Past Master. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in December, 1890, in Cynthiana Chapter No. 17, of which chapter he is a Past High Priest. Received the Order of Knighthood in Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 26, Paris, Kentucky, October 31, 1891; demitted to Cynthiana Commandery No. 16, of which he is Past Commander; made a Royal and Select Master in Cynthiana Council, later a member of Kenton Council No. 13, at Covington. He became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1928. He is a member of Indra Consistory of the Scottish Rite and Oleika Temple of the Shrine.

## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1928

The One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was called to order at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, October 16, 1928, in the Shubert Building, Louisville, Ky. Grand Officers present:

Hanson Peterson .....	Grand Master
John W. Juett .....	Deputy Grand Master
Frank D. Rash .....	Grand Senior Warden
John X. Taylor .....	Grand Junior Warden
James Garnett .....	Grand Treasurer
Fred W. Hardwick .....	Grand Secretary
Alex M. Woodruff .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Leon LaForce .....	Grand Senior Deacon
C. H. Sutherland .....	Grand Junior Deacon
Rev. Clyde Darsie .....	Grand Chaplain
Crit M. Arnold .....	Grand Marshal
H. C. Buckner .....	Grand Sword Bearer
L. M. Gaffin .....	Grand Pursuivant
Wm. H. Hawes .....	Grand Tiler

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form on the Master Mason's degree and prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain. Roll of representatives from other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was called and said representatives appeared and were welcomed by the Grand Master and received with Grand Honors by the Grand Lodge.

Twenty-four of the thirty-one living past grand masters were present and one hundred and three past masters were in attendance. Five hundred and fifty-one lodges were represented.

Grand Master Peterson read his address which was referred to appropriate committees. In it, he said: "I extend to you a hearty welcome to this communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. During the year the Craft has wrought diligently, but, measured by results achieved, the work has not been so satisfactory as might have been hoped. Let us thank God for the manifold blessings received and entertain a hope that our work has not been wholly in vain. Death during the year has reaped his usual harvest. Many Craftsmen have finished their earthly labors and gone to their reward. Among those was our Brother and Fellowcraftsman, William Caldwell McChord, past grand master, who died at his home in Springfield, Kentucky, July 5, 1928; a suitable memorial was prepared and distributed. Accountants having verified the accounts of Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick, he was installed in Solomon Lodge No. 5, at Shelbyville, January 9, 1928. Also installed Rev. Clyde Darsie as Grand Chaplain in St. Andrew's Lodge No. 18, at Cynthiana, November 29, 1927.

Called a meeting of members of Shelby County lodges in reference to statements concerning a difference between the administration of the Old Masons' Home and the Masons of Shelby County, at which meeting matters were harmoniously adjusted.

Made thirty-four lodge visitations, and attended a meeting of McMillan Lodge No. 141, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 25, 1928, the occasion being the exemplification of the Master Mason degree upon the general manager of the Western Lines of the B. & O. Railroad.

Issued five proxies; one for dedication of lodge and four for laying cornerstones.

Refused two dispensations; one to elect officers out of time and one to solicit funds from the Craft.

Rendered fourteen decisions (see Proceedings, pages 26 to 31, inclusive).

Commended the report of the special committee relative to the removal of the Grand Secretary's office, same was printed in the Masonic Home Journal.

Commissioned Sam P. Cochran as the Grand Representative of Kentucky Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Granted permission to Henry Barnes Lodge No. 607 to confer the Master Mason degree in a lodge in Chicago.

Received invitation for Grand Lodge of Kentucky to join with the Grand Lodge of Illinois in erecting a monument to Abraham Jonas, a past grand master of Kentucky and the first grand master of the present Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Columbus Lodge was cited to appear before the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to show cause why its charter should not be arrested for ignoring correspondence relative to providing relief for dependents.

Undertook a Masonic survey of the state with gratifying results. He says: "I find from reports that the Craft is in much better condition than I had anticipated. From about five hundred lodges I give a summary as to dues and finances." (See Proceedings, pages 33 and 34.)

After consultation with the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, the Grand Master directed that the sum of \$200.00 be sent for the relief of storm victims in Porto Rico and \$300.00 to the relief of distress in Florida.

Referred the matter of complaints between lodges to his successor. (See Proceedings, pages 34 and 35.)

Recommended that in making annual reports the secretaries be required to give the post office address of each member so that the Masonic Home Journal may have a correct mailing list.

Reviewed the expediency of having a Grand Lodge agent (see Proceedings, pages 36, 37, and 38). Also that district meet-

ings be held. And touched upon plural membership (see Proceedings, pages 39 and 40).

In company with Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick attended annual meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia, and recommended that out of the surplus funds of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky the sum of \$10,000.00 be appropriated for the year 1928.

Suggested a plan to redeem the \$600,000.00 bonds issued to complete the new Home (see Proceedings, page 41).

Approved services for St. John's Day observance.

Reappointed the Board of Educational Trustees as follows: James H. Richmond, Chas. F. Weaver, C. M. Sinclair, John T. Graves, C. A. McMillan, John J. Howe, T. W. Pennington.

The matter of fraternal relations between Kentucky and Indiana was gone over and amicably settled (see Proceedings, pages 43 to 55, inclusive), and praised Grand Secretary Hardwick for his valuable assistance.

In conclusion, Grand Master Peterson said: "I thank the Craft for its confidence and the honor conferred. It has been a labor of love to serve the fraternity, and I truly hope my administration shall merit your approval."

Grand Treasurer, Past Grand Master James Garnett, made his report in which he submitted an itemized statement of all moneys received and disbursed from October 1, 1927, to and including September 30, 1928, which had been audited and approved by certified accountants. The Grand Treasurer says: "While this report shows a balance of \$264,142.07, as of October 1, 1928, it does not mean that that sum is available to be appropriated by the Grand Lodge, because the major portion of it has heretofore been appropriated and the following fixed sums must be paid therefrom:

Mileage and per diem .....	\$15,000.00
Assessment Old Masons' Home .....	16,500.00
Assessment W. & O. Home .....	66,000.00
Appropriation W. & O. Home .....	30,000.00
Endowment Fund .....	20,000.00
Postage and Express .....	500.00
Masonic Home Journal .....	33,000.00
Printing .....	2,500.00
Rent .....	2,200.00
Salaries .....	7,000.00
Grand Master's Expense .....	1,000.00

"It is with some satisfaction that I call your attention to the earned income received as interest on deposits which aggregates \$4,440.37. When I was honored with the office of Grand Treasurer in 1923, the investments belonging to the Grand Lodge consisted of a \$5,000.00 Liberty Loan Bond. I was enabled to

make arrangement by which the Grand Lodge received an increased rate of interest on daily balances, and from the annual surplus of the Grand Lodge during the past five years we have purchased bonds aggregating in value \$57,000.00. The Kentucky Grand Lodge now owns securities which total \$62,000.00. (For list of same, see Proceedings, pages 57 and 58.)

"In June, 1926, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky issued and sold \$600,000 of bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5½ per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. By the terms of the contract these bonds become due and payable at the rate of \$100,000 per annum beginning October 1, 1927, and contained a stipulation which permits the Grand Lodge to call any or all of the bonds for redemption on any interest-paying date by giving thirty days' notice of its intention to do so by publication in a paper of general circulation. The interest is payable on January and July 1st of each year. We have promptly met each interest payment. On October 1, 1927, we redeemed and paid \$100,000 of the bonds. We then anticipated and called for redemption another \$100,000 which was paid on January 1, 1928. We paid the other \$100,000 which became due October 1, 1928. The Building Committee has on hand a surplus of approximately \$100,000 which it will return to the Grand Lodge, and if the other assets of the Grand Lodge can be converted into cash we could call for redemption on January 1, 1929, the remaining \$300,000 bonds."

The Grand Treasurer's summary of his account with the Grand Lodge shows the following figures:

Balance last statement .....	\$252,472.50
Receipts .....	558,460.78
Total .....	\$810,933.28
Disbursements .....	546,791.21
Balance .....	\$264,142.07

Detailed account (see Proceedings, pages 60 to 78, inclusive).

Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick made his report in which he stated: "I am sorry to say that while the suspensions were not as large as they were last year, our net loss is greater. Many lodges waited until the last minute to suspend large numbers of their members for non-payment of dues and assessments. Am glad to report the number of lodges is the same. While we had one charter arrested and one surrendered, we have given dispensations to two new lodges, making the total number the same."

Balance October 1, 1927 .....	\$252,472.50
Total cash receipts .....	558,445.78
To be accounted for .....	\$810,918.28
Disbursed .....	546,776.21
Balance September 30, 1928 .....	\$264,142.07
Net worth .....	310,885.81
Number of lodges October 1, 1927 .....	596
Instituted .....	2
Total .....	598
Charters surrendered .....	3
October 1, 1928 .....	595
Members August 31, 1927 .....	65,235
Admitted .....	3,279
Demitted and suspended .....	5,247
Apparent loss .....	1,968
Present membership .....	63,267

No returns were received from three lodges and thirty-nine lodges have paid no part of their dues or assessments and twenty lodges were fined for late returns (see Proceedings, pages 82 and 83). Also for charters surrendered and arrested. Thirteen lodges forwarded amendments to By-Laws (see Proceedings, page 83).

Books and papers for the applications for charters were received and referred to Committee on Lodges U. D., as follows: Auxier, Good Will, Progress, Burchfield, Glasgow Junction. Lodges granted and set to work were: Vicco 929, Loyal 930, and Edmonton 931.

Paid to Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home \$15,000 of the \$30,000 appropriated by the Grand Lodge, the maintenance of the Home being much less than the amount anticipated.

The Grand Secretary is confident that the carrying of the blanket bond on secretaries and treasurers of lodges has resulted in much good and he recommends that it be renewed. He was pleased to report that he had collected on outstanding subscriptions to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home the sum of \$19,627.00 at an expense of \$2,738.39 for salary, rent, postage, etc. Also that he had printed one thousand copies of the new edition of the Constitution with all amendments up-to-date and copies of the same sent to those entitled thereto.

On motion, the Grand Secretary's report was distributed to the proper committees.

Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware offered resolution affecting the right of subordinate lodges to change place of meeting (see Proceedings, pages 86 and 87).

Past Grand Master Henry S. McElroy, chairman of Committee on Necrology, read his report, which was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 87 to 91, inclusive).

Past Grand Master W. C. Black offered a resolution amending the Constitution relative to free members (see Proceedings, page 92), which was referred to Committee on Finance.

Proper arrangements had been made to transport the representatives to and from the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home where the children would give an entertainment at 2 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1928

### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock a. m., Grand Master Peterson presiding and all officers in their stations.

Brother W. H. Tritt for Committee on Credentials made a report (see Proceedings, pages 95 to 98, inclusive, for details). Lodge fines were referred to Committee on Jurisprudence; others recommended for mileage and per diem.

Brother L. F. Zerfoss, chairman of Committee on By-Laws, reported examination of the following: Thomas DeVenny 928, Parkland 638, Sunset 915, Preston 281, Middletown 732, Bradford 123, Franklin 28, Polar Star 363, Henry Barnes 607, Harrods Creek 456, Suburban 740, Orie S. Ware 874, and Bigham 256.

The Grand Master appointed Brother John M. Yost of Lodge No. 375, as a member of the Finance Committee instead of Charles M. Bohmer, heretofore appointed.

Past Grand Master Peak offered resolution concerning sine die adjournment and the payment of mileage and per diem to representatives (see Proceedings, page 99), the same being adopted.

Past Grand Master Saunders offered resolution repealing Resolution No. 4 of the 1928 Edition of Book of Constitutions and tendering a substitute (see Proceedings, page 99), same was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

Past Grand Master James Garnett, chairman of the Building Committee, filed a final report of said committee, and the same was approved and confirmed, and the \$100,000.00 named in said report was ordered to be paid over by said committee to the Grand Treasurer and the same to be held by him as such until

finally disposed of as this Grand Lodge may direct. From the report the following is reproduced:

"At the 1920 session of the Grand Lodge (Proceedings, page 102), the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary were authorized and directed to select a site in or near Louisville, and cause to be erected thereon a modern plant suitable for the care, education and needs of those persons who under the charter and by-laws of the Constitution are entitled to the benefit thereof. Thereafter, the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary delegated the powers so conferred upon them by the Grand Lodge to a committee which was known and designated as the Building Committee, composed of James Garnett as chairman, George T. Cross and John M. Scott, with the president of said Board as ex-officio member. The Building Committee so selected, reported its several actions to the semi-monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and after its actions had been approved by the Board of Directors they made annual report to each session of the Grand Lodge. All of said reports were approved by the Grand Lodge and will be found in the printed Proceedings of 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927. No more important work was ever delegated by the Grand Lodge to a committee and the committee has endeavored through its reports to advise the Grand Lodge of all its actions and has sought and secured the advice and approval of the Grand Lodge before entering into any obligations. Thereby the work has become the united work of the Masons of Kentucky and all the Masons are entitled to their share of credit for the successful completion of this important undertaking."

For detail of Past Grand Master Garnett's report of the Building Committee, see Proceedings 1928, pages 100, 101 and 102. Upon motion, and seconded, a rising vote of thanks of the Grand Lodge was extended the Building Committee and the Million Dollar Committee.

Numerous telegrams were exchanged.

The Grand Officers were elected: John W. Juett, Grand Master; Frank D. Rash, Deputy Grand Master; John X. Taylor, Grand Senior Warden; Edwin C. Landberg, Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett, Grand Treasurer; Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke, chairman of Committee on Other Grand Lodges, made his report and offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky extends to Past Grand Master John G. Orndorff its hearty congratulations on his attaining his ninetieth birthday, and expresses earnestly

the hope that he may yet attend many more communications of the Grand Lodge."

Said resolution was unanimously adopted and Brother Orn-dorff thanked the lodge.

Brother Guy Johnson reported for Committee on Lodges U. D. (see Proceedings, pages 104, 105 and 106).

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to call on again at 3:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 3:30 p. m.

Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware made report for Committee on Jurisprudence (see Proceedings, pages 107 to 112, inclusive).

Brother R. P. Dietzman made report of Special Committee on removal of Grand Secretary's office (see Proceedings, pages 112 to 116, inclusive). Same was printed in Masonic Home Journal.

Past Grand Master James Garnett introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master and the incoming Grand Secretary be, and they are hereby authorized to enter into a contract for and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, by which the Grand Lodge of Kentucky will lease for a period of ten years, from and after the expiration of the present lease, the auditorium in the Shubert Building, Louisville, Ky., for the annual session of the Grand Lodge, and that they will lease in conjunction with the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, all of the second floor of the Shubert Building, to be used as offices and storeroom for the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky."

Past Grand Master E. E. Nelson reported for the Committee on Work (see Proceedings, pages 117 and 118).

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment till 9 o'clock tomorrow.

#### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1928

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9 o'clock a. m.

Brother R. L. Trimble, chairman of Committee on Our Homes, reported, stating that they had been shown every courtesy by Superintendent Wilhelm of the Old Masons' Home and Superintendent Adams of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and that they had found these institutions in commendable condition (see Proceedings, pages 118 to 123, inclusive).

Committee on Finance by Brother John T. Kincaid reported that they found all accounts straight and in proper form (see Proceedings, pages 123 and 124).

Educational Trustees reported through Brother J. Richmond, chairman, same was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 125 and 126). Also statistical tables (see Proceedings, pages 126 to 135, inclusive).

Brother A. A. Hazelrigg, chairman of Committee on Appeals, made report (see Proceedings, pages 136 and 137; also supplemental report on pages 138, 139 and 140).

The Grand Secretary reappointed Brother Alex M. Woodruff Assistant Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Master G. Allison Holland installed the following officers:

John W. Juett, Grand Master.  
Frank D. Rash, Deputy Grand Master.  
John X. Taylor, Grand Senior Warden.  
Edwin C. Landberg, Grand Junior Warden.  
James Garnett, Grand Treasurer.  
Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary.  
Alex M. Woodruff, Assistant Grand Secretary.  
Rev. James E. Wright, Grand Chaplain.  
George W. Krauth, Grand Senior Deacon.  
John L. Rees, Grand Junior Deacon.  
C. E. Peterson, Grand Marshal.  
W. A. Toombs, Grand Sword Bearer.  
J. T. T. Hourigan, Grand Pursuivant.  
W. H. Hawes, Grand Tiler.

The Grand Master appointed the following committees:

Appeals—Perry B. Miller, I. B. Ross and A. A. Hazelrigg.  
By-Laws—L. F. Zerfoss, W. B. Wacker and J. W. Reed.  
Credentials—D. B. Shackelford, W. C. Faulkner and W. O. Rigney.

Finance—Geo. L. Blackford, John M. Yost and John T. Kincaid.

Jurisprudence—Henry P. Barret, Joseph H. Ewalt and Orie S. Ware.

Lodges U. D.—Al. H. Bryant, Ray G. Tipton and Walter A. Tillett.

Necrology—J. W. Ireland.  
Our Homes—W. H. Tritt, Guy Johnson and Claude H. McNeill.  
Other Grand Lodges—W. W. Clarke.

Visitors—A. S. Yewell, Julian Bordus and C. W. Homan.  
Biography—A. Gordon Sulser.

Educational—C. F. Weaver, C. M. Sinclair, John T. Graves, C. A. McMillan, John J. Howe, T. W. Pennington and J. H. Richmond.

On motion of Past Grand Master Holland, Mrs. Alex M. Woodruff was given a vote of thanks for the beautiful flowers furnished.

Past Grand Master Peterson was presented with a past grand master's jewel by Past Grand Master Holland.

A vote of thanks was extended to Past Grand Master Peterson for his service as Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 1:10 o'clock p. m.

JOHN W. JUETT, Grand Master.

FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary.

(Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, were printed in the Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1928, pages 145, 146 and 147. Statistical tables, for same year, on pages 152 to 166, inclusive.—Ed.)



## ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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John William Juett

1929

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Born 1866

John William Juett was born in Owen County, Kentucky, of an old and prominent family of that section, on May 22, 1866—a true "son of the sod of sweet Owen," where he spent his earlier years on a farm, with all the joys and sorrows and all the worthwhile experiences which go to make up the life of a farmer's son. He was educated in the common schools of the county. After the fashion of so many of the ambitious young men of his time he taught school in his native county during the years 1887, 1888, and 1889; but, after that brief season of training for the real battle of life, and out of the firm purpose and final plan which had already possessed him, he began the study of the science of dentistry, in 1890, at the Louisville College of Dentistry, from which famous institution he graduated in 1892. In November, 1893, he established himself in the practice of his chosen profession, in the city of Eminence, where he has ever since resided, and where he has builded for himself a personal and professional reputation which is alike a great honor to him and to his community. In 1894, he was united in marriage with Miss Prudie L. Gordon, of Boone County, Kentucky. From that union one son was born, Dr. John Brooks Juett, B.A., D.D.S., of Lexington, Ky. The son is a Master Mason, and is following in the footsteps of his father in the practice of his chosen profession.

In his professional career, Dr. Juett has established a record second to none in the Commonwealth, having been an active and prominent member of the Kentucky State Dental Association since 1894, and serving as its president in 1900. For ten years he was a member of the State Board of Examiners, by appointment of successive governors of the Commonwealth; and, during that period, he was, at different times, both the president and the secretary of the Board. In 1928, the Dental Department of the University of Louisville conferred upon him the unusual honor of membership in the professional fraternity Omicron Kappa Epsilon, an honor reserved for men who have attained an exceptionally high standard of excellence in study and work while students, or who have made a real name for themselves, through service and proficiency, as alumni of the College.

For more than fifty years he has been a communicant of the Baptist Church and for thirty years he has been the Superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School in Eminence, in both of which capacities he has trod closely and well in the pathway of the Great Teacher, and has been, always, a brave exemplar and a splendid influence.

In the fraternal world, his interests and performances have kept pace with his earnest and successful business and religious life. An outstanding member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Rebekah Lodge, and the Order of the Eastern Star, it is still through his connection with, and his activities and preferences in, the Masonic fraternity that he is best known and most beloved in the realm of fraternal life. His Masonic record is one of which any man may justly be proud.

He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Eminence Lodge No. 282, in November, 1894; and was elected Worshipful Master of that lodge in December, 1897, serving as such for one year.

He was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Eminence Chapter No. 121, in 1896; and he was elected High Priest of that Chapter in 1899, serving as such for one year.

He is a member of J. P. Foree Council No. 42, Royal and Select Masters, and has six times served as Thrice Illustrious Master of that Council.

He is a member of Rob Morris Commandery No. 43, Knights Templar, of LaGrange, Ky., and is the present Captain General of that Commandery.

He was elected M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, in October, 1915, and, for the period of one year, presided over the destinies of that august body in a manner worthy of the greatest praise and emulation.

He is Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters, having been elevated to the highest office of that Grand Body at its stated Assembly on October 14, 1929.

He was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, in October, 1925; and, at the stated Communication of that Grand Body on October 17, 1928, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master thereof, an honor richly merited and worthily bestowed, and from which has come real good and lasting advancement to the Order.

When the great hour of his country's need came and the declaration of that war waged to save a stricken world, he volunteered for service in the Y. M. C. A. work, and for more than a year gave the best that was in him to that noble branch of our activities, his whole time of duty being spent with the A. E. F. at St. Nazaire, in France.

## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1929

The One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was called to order at ten o'clock Tuesday morning, October 15, 1929, in the Shubert Building, Fourth and Chestnut Streets, Louisville, Kentucky, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, John W. Juett, presiding, and with the following Grand Officers present and in their respective stations:

Frank D. Rash .....	Deputy Grand Master
John X. Taylor .....	Grand Senior Warden
Edwin C. Landberg .....	Grand Junior Warden
James Garnett .....	Grand Treasurer
Fred W. Hardwick .....	Grand Secretary
Alex M. Woodruff .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
George W. Krauth .....	Grand Senior Deacon
John L. Rees .....	Grand Junior Deacon
Rev. J. E. Wright .....	Grand Chaplain
C. E. Peterson .....	Grand Marshal

W. A. Toombs ..... Grand Sword Bearer  
J. T. T. Hourigan ..... Grand Pursuivant  
W. H. Hawes ..... Grand Tiler

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form on the Master Mason's degree and prayer was offered by the Rt. Rev. J. E. Wright, Grand Chaplain.

The following resolution was offered by Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, namely:

"Resolved, That as the minutes of our regular annual communication for the year 1928 have been published and delivered to those entitled to them, they be and are now approved."

The motion and resolution were adopted.

Out of thirty-one then living past grand masters, twenty-five were present at this session of Grand Lodge. There were 114 past masters registered in the Grand Secretary's office. Out of 587 lodges on the roster of the Grand Lodge only 29 of them failed to send representatives.

Grand Master Juett, in opening his address, said:

"I wish first to convey to you my sincere appreciation of the honor you conferred on me one year ago when you elevated me to the high office of Grand Master, and though the work has been arduous and has called for much of your Grand Master's time, I have enjoyed every minute of it and as I render to you this the report of the past year's work, I trust you will look upon it with favor, and be able to say, as did the Master: 'He hath done what he could.'"

Grand Treasurer James Garnett read his report, and upon motion, seconded, same was referred to the Finance Committee. A recapitulation of receipts and disbursements showed:

Balance shown by last statement .....	\$264,142.07
Receipts .....	545,244.00
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Total .....	\$809,386.07
Disbursements .....	639,907.44
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Balance September 30, 1929 .....	\$169,478.63

Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick made his report, which was ordered received and distributed to the proper committees.

His report showed:

Number of lodges reported October 1, 1928 .....	595
Number of lodges instituted since October 1, 1928 (South Portsmouth U. D.) .....	1
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	596
Charters surrendered .....	4
Charters arrested .....	3
Lodges consolidated .....	2 9
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Total number of lodges October 1, 1929 .....	587
Members per returns received August 31, 1928 .....	63,267
Members initiated since last returns .....	1,879
Members admitted since last returns .....	527
Members reinstated since last returns .....	602
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	3,008
Members died since last returns .....	843
Members expelled since last returns .....	28
Members demitted since last returns .....	641
Members suspended since last returns .....	2,676 4,188
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Apparent loss .....	1,180

Membership as of October 1, 1929 ..... 62,087

The Grand Secretary's report showed that the following lodges were set to work under charter:

Progress Lodge No. 932 on October 30, 1928, by Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary.

Burchfield Lodge No. 933, November 2, 1928, by John L. Phillips, Past Master.

Good Will Lodge No. 936, November 8, 1928, by Orie S. Ware, Past Grand Master.

Glasgow Junction Lodge No. 934, by E. D. Turner, Past Master.

Auxier Lodge No. 935, January 17, 1929, by Jefferson Moles, Past Master.

Lodges consolidated:

Rocky Hill Lodge No. 517 and Gerard Lodge No. 805 were consolidated under the name of Hays Lodge No. 517 by Brother N. W. Pritchett, Past Master of Bowling Green Lodge No. 73, as proxy for the Grand Master on August 17, 1929.

Doric Lodge No. 737 and Cypress Lodge No. 810 were consolidated by Past Grand Master Fred Acker as proxy for the Grand Master, August 24, 1929, under the name of Doric Lodge No. 737. The charter of Cypress Lodge No. 810 was reported lost.

Brother Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, read the following letter:

October 10, 1929.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Very dear Brethren:

Gratitude from an overflowing heart is responsible for this letter and deed.

My father was a Mason over fifty years, and one of the loveliest characters I ever knew. Masonry, to me, as it was to him, is an inspiration, a guide, and a leader.

My life, all in all, has been a rather happy one, and I attribute it largely to Freemasonry. The honor paid me when you elected me Grand Master was great, and greatly appreciated, but not more so than the opportunity it afforded for service—for labor in the quarries.

I know that the finances of the Grand Lodge are at present in fair condition, but no one knows what the future has in store.

So if it pleases the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., I give it ten thousand dollars to create the Cowles Benevolent Fund for the support of its charities; the amount to be invested by the Grand Lodge, together with the income from it, for a period of fifty years from date.

At the expiration of the fifty-year period, the total amount of the fund (principal and income) shall remain intact, and constitute the fund above named, after which all the income derived from it, or so much of the income as the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., may decree, may be used in the discretion of the said Grand Lodge for the support of its benevolent works or charities.

The amount is not large at present, but fifty years hence it should be considerable.

I regret exceedingly that I cannot attend this Grand Lodge session. I send best wishes to all the brethren and for a harmonious and successful meeting.

Fraternally thine,  
John H. Cowles,  
Past Grand Master.

Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware offered the following resolution:

"Whereas, Brother John H. Cowles, Past Grand Master, by his letter of October 10, 1929, presents to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky a gift of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to create the 'Cowles Benevolent Fund,' for the support of its charities; said amount to be invested by the Grand Lodge, together with the income from it for a period of fifty (50) years from this date, and

"Whereas, It is further provided that at the expiration of the fifty-year period the total amount of the fund (including principal and all income) shall remain intact and constitute the 'Cowles Benevolent Fund,' after which all the income derived from it, or so much as the Grand Lodge may decree, may be used in the discretion of the Grand Lodge for the support of its benevolent works and charities. Now, therefore be it

"Resolved, By the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, that the gift of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.000) by Brother Cowles be and it is hereby accepted upon and subject to the terms and conditions provided in said letter, as above set forth; that same be used exclusively for its benevolent works and charities. Be it further

"Resolved, That said sum be paid to the Grand Treasurer and be credited by the Grand Treasurer to the 'Cowles Benevolent Fund,' which is hereby created, and said fund shall be kept forever separate and apart from the other funds of the Grand Lodge, and

"Be It Further Resolved, That the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be, and they are constituted and appointed Trustees of the 'Cowles Benevolent Fund,' and they will invest and reinvest said fund and the income therefrom from time to time, in accordance with the terms of the gift, and annually report to the Grand Lodge their action and the condition of said fund, and be it further

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to extend to Brother Cowles the most grateful thanks of the Grand Lodge for this manifestation of his generosity and fine Masonic spirit."

This resolution and motion were unanimously adopted by this Grand Body.

Past Grand Master William Carson Black offered the following resolution:

"To the Grand Lodge of Kentucky:

"Section 143 of the Constitution reads as follows:

"Sec. 143. FREE MEMBERS FIFTY YEARS AFFILIATED. No lodge shall be required to pay Grand Lodge dues on any member thereof, who for a period of fifty years shall have been a Master Mason and affiliated with a lodge or lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in Kentucky, which shall have paid Grand Lodge dues on such member for fully fifty years. Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That any Master Mason who qualifies with above section shall receive a Masonic emblem appropriately shaped and designed from the Grand Lodge as a congratulatory recognition of his loyalty to the principles of and association in fellowship with Freemasonry during his active membership over a

period of fifty years in a lodge subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Be it further

"Resolved, That the intrinsic value of each such emblem shall not exceed in cost the sum of \$5.00 and that this purchase shall be made from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Be it further

"Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master shall appoint a committee of three to make proper selection in compliance with this resolution, same to be approved by the elective Grand Officers of this Grand Body, and said resolution becomes operative at once thereafter. When the design and its wording are selected it shall become standard and shall not be changed either in shape or wording. Be it further

"Resolved, That upon proper proof from a lodge under its seal and approved by the Grand Secretary, that a brother is worthy and eligible to receive this special Grand Lodge recognition, the Grand Secretary is authorized and directed to purchase said emblem and mail to the lodge wherein the brother holds membership, to be presented to him either in lodge session or privately as pleases the lodge and the recipient thereof."

And upon motion, seconded, said resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Brother Robert J. Waite, Master of Unity Lodge No. 478, offered the following resolution:

"Whereas, During the course of the past decade, subordinate lodges throughout this jurisdiction have received petitions from candidates who have been unfortunate from the standpoint of physical requirements necessary to their becoming Masons;

"These lodges, finding the moral and other qualifications of such candidates all that can be required, have then sought, through the Grand Master, some dispensation whereby the candidate could receive the degrees.

"In every instance after referring the lodge to Section 106 of our Constitution the Grand Master has replied that, although he himself is not altogether in accord with that particular section in its present form, he felt that since it existed in the Constitution, then it should be lived up to.

"Very recently our own lodge had the petition of a candidate who had suffered the loss of one hand, and after a thorough investigation the committee found that otherwise the candidate was a man of sterling character, yet this man, through no fault of his own, is forever barred from the privileges of our fraternity.

"Our object is to call attention of this Grand Lodge to certain monitorial parts contained in the degree work.

"Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honor; the internal and not the external qualifications are what Masonry regards. The commandments, 'Do ye unto others as ye

would have them do unto you'; 'Ask and it shall be given you'; 'Seek and ye shall find'; 'Knock and it shall be opened unto you.'

"We are admonished to have faith in God, hope in immortality and charity toward all mankind, and the greatest of these we are told, is charity, for our faith may be lost in sight, hope end in fruition, but charity extends beyond the grave through the boundless realms of Eternity.

"Are we going to continue to preach these things and then fail outright to put them into practice?

"Wars throughout the lands have left young men maimed and deformed who were fighting in the glorious causes of their countries. Can we, as Masons, forever deny these men (who measure up admirably in all other respects) the privileges of our wonderful fraternity?

"In the sight of Almighty God we sincerely hope that such physical maim or defect will have no significance.

"Our most eminent Masonic authority, Albert Pike, says: 'The true Mason identifies the honor of his country with his own.'

"Can we live up to this high Masonic spirit of patriotism by penalizing the youth of our beloved country who have made these great sacrifices in the Great World War by retaining and never deviating from such a law as now exists?

"We hold that Section 106, as it now appears upon our Constitution, is unfair and discriminative and entirely inconsistent with our charitable teachings; therefore, be it hereby

"Resolved, That Section 106 of the Grand Lodge Constitution be amended to read:

"(1) Physical Qualifications. A candidate for initiation must possess no maim or deformity which will prevent him from being perfectly instructed in the art and mysteries of Freemasonry and in his own person instructing others by exemplification, provided that the Grand Master may in his discretion issue a dispensation to accept the petition of a person physically maimed, but otherwise qualified and when not likely to become a burden upon a lodge."

This resolution was, upon motion, duly seconded, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

On motion of Past Grand Master Rankins, the Grand Secretary was ordered to send a telegram of felicitation to the Grand Lodge of Ohio which was in session at Toledo, Ohio, and to each of the absent past grand masters of this Jurisdiction.

Past Grand Master G. Allison Holland introduced to the Grand Body Charles Clark Davis, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, who was welcomed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master and received with

**Grand Honors.** Brother Davis delivered an interesting address to the Grand Lodge.

Brother J. W. Ireland, chairman of the Committee on Necrology, made a report, and the same, upon motion, was seconded, and after the rendition of "Nearer, My God, To Thee" by Brother Ireland, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain, was adopted.

At 12 o'clock noon, the Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

An entertainment was given by the children of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home to the Grand Lodge representatives and friends, at Garnett Hall, Tuesday afternoon, October 15, 1929.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1929

### MORNING SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor on the Master Mason's degree at 9:30 o'clock a. m., the Most Worshipful Grand Master John W. Juett and all the other Grand Officers present and in their respective stations.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. James E. Wright, Grand Chaplain.

Brother W. H. Tritt, chairman of the Committee on Our Homes, made a report as such and moved its adoption. The report showed the number of residents in the Home September 10th were: widows, 45; boys, 273; girls, 288; making a total of 606 residents.

Brother D. B. Shackelford, chairman of the Committee on Credentials, made a report as such, and the same, upon motion, seconded, was adopted.

The hour of 11 o'clock a. m. having arrived, the Grand Lodge, in accordance with the terms and requirements of the Constitution, went into election of officers for the ensuing twelve months, with the following result:

Frank D. Rash, Most Worshipful Grand Master; John X. Taylor, Deputy Grand Master; Edwin C. Landberg, Grand Senior Warden; John L. Phillips, Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett, Grand Treasurer; Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary.

Brother J. D. Whiteaker, Past Master of Greenville Lodge No. 655, offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That Section 171 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words 'and of the amount he or his lodge for him would at the time of payment have owed the Grand Lodge as dues or assessments for the suspension' and insert in lieu thereof, 'plus the amount due on the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home Assessment,' so that this section shall read when amended as follows:

"A brother suspended for non-payment of dues shall rest under suspension only until payment thereof shall be made. Payment of the amount owing up to the time he was suspended, plus the amount due on the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home Assessment, shall restore him to membership without any action of the lodge, but a notation of the fact shall be made in the minutes; provided, however, if he shall remain suspended for two years or longer, he can be restored in good standing only on payment of said sums and re-elected to membership by consent of three-fourths of the members present, expressed by ballot after regular petition, which must be referred to and reported on by committee the same as any other petition for membership, provided, however, the benefits of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and the Old Masons' Home shall not be available to such members or their dependents within one year after such reinstatement."

And upon motion, seconded, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who were directed to report on said resolution at the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke, chairman of the Committee on Doings of Other Grand Lodges, made his report as such, and upon his motion, duly seconded, said report was approved. The report submitted was as follows:

"The following Grand Lodges have been personally investigated by visits thereto by Past Grand Master John H. Cowles, and the following recommendations are made on his suggestion:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky extend to the following Grand Lodges fraternal recognition and that representatives be exchanged between them and the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, viz.:

"Grand Lodge of Sweden—Grand Master, His Majesty King Gustav V.

"Grand Lodge of Norway—Grand Master, H. J. Ronneberg, Kirkegaten 17, Oslo.

"Grand Lodge of Denmark—Grand Master, His Majesty King Christian X (of Denmark and Iceland).

"Grand Lodge of Switzerland (Grand Loge Alpina)—Grand Master, Dr. F. Brandenberg, 4 Trollstr., Winterthur, Switzerland.

"Grand Lodge of Serbs, Croates and Slovenes (Jugoslavia)—Grand Master, George Weifert.

"Grand Lodge of Spain—Grand Master, Francisco Esteva.

"Grand Orient of Spain (Grand Federal Symbolic Council of the Grand Spanish Orient)—Grand Master, Demofilo de Buen.

"Grand Lodge of Finland—Grand Master, Axel Solitander, Helsinki, Finland."

*Letter from Past Grand Master John H. Cowles*

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Very dear Brethren:

It has been my privilege, and from it I have derived much pleasure, profit and information, to visit and associate with leading Masons in many countries of the world.

Upon written and verbal authority of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Kentucky, and also acting on my own responsibilities as a Past Grand Master, I have investigated the regularity of many Grand Lodges with which the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was not specifically in relations of amity.

Several of these investigations I have presented to that peerless correspondent of our Grand Lodge, Past Grand Master Wm. W. Clarke, who recommended, and the Grand Lodge adopting his recommendation, has established fraternal relations with quite a number. I am very proud of this action of our Grand Lodge.

Many Grand Lodges of Masons in the world have problems confronting them, difficulties to surmount, obstacles to overcome, that are colossal compared with the conditions in our country. Their methods and rituals may differ some from ours but they are actuated by the same motives and possess the same fundamentals as we do. They need encouragement and moral support, and I repeat that I am proud that our Grand Lodge is so generous in extending the grip of Brotherhood to so many of these Masonic powers.

We must not boast of Masonry being universal—found everywhere on the globe—unless we make it a fact. Since the Grand Lodge session (October, 1928), I have made further investigations, and now I unhesitatingly recommend, and I hope with the approval of Past Grand Master Clarke, who is himself quite familiar with world Masonry, that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., enter into mutual relations of amity and exchange representatives with the following Grand Lodges of Symbolic Masonry:

Grand Lodge of Sweden—Grand Master, His Majesty King Gustav V; Deputy Grand Master, H. R. H. Crown Prince Gustav Adolf; Grand Chancellor, Arcid Lindman; Grand Secretary, Yngve G. Wisen. The address: Frimurarlogen (Masonic Temple), Stockholm, Sweden.

Grand Lodge of Norway—Grand Master, H. J. Ronneberg, Kirkegaten 17, Oslo; Grand Secretary, E. Lowig-Hansen, Frimurarlogen, Nedre Voldgate 19, Oslo, Norway.

Grand Lodge of Denmark—Grand Master, His Majesty King Christian X (of Denmark and Iceland); Grand Secretary, Kon-

torchef P. O. Rosenorn, 14 Maglekildevej, Copenhagen V, Denmark.

Grand Lodge of Switzerland (Grand Loge Alpina)—Grand Master, Dr. F. Brandenberg, 4 Trollstr., Winterthur, Switzerland; Grand Secretary, A. Raschle, 45 Kilchberg Str., Zurich, Switzerland.

Grand Lodge of Serbs, Croates and Slovenes (Jugoslavia)—Grand Master, George Weifert; Grand Secretary, A. Chokoratz. All correspondence care of D. Dj. Militchevitch, Csika Ljubina 18, 3e., Belgrade, Jugoslavia.

Grand Lodge of Spain—Grand Master, Francisco Esteva; Grand Secretary, Jose Matamala; address: Avino 27, Barcelona, Spain.

Grand Orient of Spain (Grand Federal Symbolic Council of the Grand Spanish Orient)—Grand Master, Demofilo de Buen; Grand Secretary, Fermin de Zayas; address: Roque Barcia 5, Seville, Spain.

Grand Lodge of Finland—Grand Master, Axel Solitander, Helsinki, Finland; Grand Secretary, Tiovo Kontio, Tunturikatu 3, Helsinki, Finland.

I assure the Grand Lodge that I have taken every precaution, looked thoroughly into the organization of each, and am satisfied that they require a belief in God, have the Great Lights (Bible, Square and Compasses), are sovereign and independent, and adhere to the Landmarks as they understand them.

Fraternally thine,  
John H. Cowles,  
Past Grand Master.

Brother W. L. Dawson, chairman of the Committee on Lodges U. D., made a report as such, and upon motion, seconded, said report was approved.

Past Grand Master James Garnett, chairman of the Building Committee, made his report, which upon motion, made and seconded, was adopted.

At 12:30 o'clock p. m., this Grand Body was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock p. m., this day.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock p. m., and was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The report for the Committee on By-Laws was made by Brother Natt Corbin, chairman, and adopted.

On motion of Past Grand Master Holland, each secretary of the subordinate lodges is required to give addresses with the names of the members when making his Annual Return to the Grand Secretary.

Grand Master Juett, on behalf of the Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, presented Brother A. F. Kammerer with a gold watch and chain in token of their appreciation for services rendered the boys and girls at the Home. Brother Kammerer replied in a very pleasing way.

Brother C. A. McMillan made the report of the Educational Trustees, which was adopted.

Brother G. L. Blackford, chairman of the Finance Committee made a report as such, and the same was, upon his motion, approved as a whole, except Section 7, which was indefinitely postponed.

Past Grand Master Henry W. Barret, chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, made his report as such, and same, upon his motion, was adopted as a whole.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 4:45 o'clock p. m., until tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1929

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor on the Master Mason's degree, at 8:30 o'clock a. m., the Most Worshipful Grand Master, John W. Juett, presiding, and all the Grand Officers present in their respective places.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. James E. Wright, Grand Chaplain.

Brother A. S. Yewell made the report for the Committee on Visitors, and the same, upon motion, was seconded and adopted.

The Committee on Appeals, by Perry B. Miller, its chairman, made a report as such, for and in behalf of said committee, which report upon motion, seconded, was adopted.

Past Grand Master E. E. Nelson, chairman of the Committee on Work, made a report as such, which was, on motion, seconded and adopted.

Brother C. A. McMillan made report for the Educational Trustees, which was adopted, and the Trustees were authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$300.00.

On motion of Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, Alex M. Woodruff was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary, which appointment was approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master made the following appointments:

Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. South Hawkins; Grand Senior Deacon, Ray G. Tipton; Grand Junior Deacon, H. H. Chancellor; Grand Marshal, C. E. Peterson; Grand Sword Bearer, W. A. Toombs; Grand Pursuivant, Warren E. Hardin; Grand Tiler, W. H. Hawes; Grand Lecturer, W. A. Guthrie.

Past Grand Master John W. Juett installed all the Grand Officers, elective and appointive, except the Grand Junior Dea-

con, who was not present, and the Grand Secretary, who was to be installed during January.

The Grand Master was presented with beautiful baskets of flowers by Brothers Toombs, Hawkins and Sulser, on behalf of his lodge and members in Hopkins County, and from Mrs. Rash and son.

Past Grand Master Garnett presented to Past Grand Master Juett, the past grand master's jewel, on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Brother Juett responded in a very happy way.

Grand Master Rash made the following committee appointments:

Appeals—I. B. Ross, A. A. Hazelrigg, Perry B. Miller.

By-Laws—Geo. L. Blackford, J. Morton Williams, J. T. T. Hourigan.

Credentials—C. G. Moreland, P. L. Pillow, A. W. Morris.

Finance—John M. Yost, John T. Kincaid, Paul P. Price.

Jurisprudence—Henry P. Barret, Jos. H. Ewalt, Orie S. Ware.  
Lodges U. D.—C. W. Bridges, Chas. O. Osborn, S. Marion Cecil.  
Necrology—J. W. Ireland.

Our Homes—James R. Rash, Guy Johnson, H. L. Russell.

Proceedings of Other Grand Lodges—W. W. Clarke.

Visitors—J. T. O'Neal, John Segger, Hugh S. Young.

Biography—A. Gordon Sulser.

Work—E. E. Nelson, Jas. E. Wilhelm, S. P. Alderson, J. B. Overall, T. J. Adams, D. J. Hall, Fred Acker.

Educational Trustees—Dr. John W. Juett, John T. Graves, C. A. McMillan, John J. Howe; T. W. Pennington, Jas. H. Richmond, Charles F. Weaver.

After roll call, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 11:20 a. m., with prayer by the Rt. Rev. J. South Hawkins, Grand Chaplain.

FRANK D. RASH, Grand Master.

FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Frank Dillman Rash

1930

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Born 1878

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was born at St. Charles, in Hopkins County, Kentucky, on the first day of September, 1878, the son of James R. and Louise Dillman Rash. No Mason in this state can claim a straighter or purer Kentucky lineage than he, for both parents were native Kentuckians. His early education was received in the public schools of Hopkins County, after which he attended South Kentucky College at Hopkinsville, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1897. He then attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he graduated in 1901, with the Degree of R. S. in Mining Engineering. In 1924, he became vice-president of the St. Bernard Mining Company. He then moved to Louisville where he established himself as a consulting mining engineer. In January, 1926, he was active in the reorganization of the Inland Waterways Company, of which he became the president, and remained until 1927. That year he was appointed a member of the Board of Public Works of Louisville. In December, 1902, Brother Rash united in marriage with Miss Susan Atkinson, the daughter of George C. Atkinson, and of this union one son was born. In the World War, Brother Rash served with distinction in various military branches, attaining to the commission of Major in the United States Army. He is a communicant of the Christian Church, and member of numerous clubs and fraternal orders. His Masonic connections and services are well known. He was raised to the degree of Master Mason in E. W. Turner Lodge No. 548, Earlington, Ky., on July 16, 1909, and became master on December 27, 1910, serving one year. Was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in October, 1926, and was regularly advanced until in October, 1929, he became Most Worshipful Grand Master. He received the Capitular Degrees in Earlington Chapter No. 141, on August 20, 1909, and was elected High Priest September 12, 1912, and was elected Grand High Priest in October, 1925. He was created a Knight in Madisonville Commandery No. 27, 1909, and demitted to St. Bernard Commandery No. 29, at Earlington, December 24, 1909, where he served one year as Eminent Commander. He received the Thirty-second Degree, A. A. S. R., in the Grand Consistory of Kentucky, at Louisville, Ky., on April 9, 1910.

## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1930

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was called to order at ten o'clock Tuesday morning, October 21, 1930, in the Shubert Building, Fourth and Chestnut Streets, Louisville, Kentucky, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Frank D. Rash, presiding, and with the following Grand Officers present and in their stations:

John X. Taylor .....	Deputy Grand Master
Edwin C. Landberg .....	Grand Senior Warden
John L. Phillips .....	Grand Junior Warden
James Garnett .....	Grand Treasurer
Fred W. Hardwick .....	Grand Secretary
Alex M. Woodruff .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Ray G. Tipton .....	Grand Senior Deacon
H. H. Chancellor .....	Grand Junior Deacon
Rev. J. South Hawkins .....	Grand Chaplain
C. E. Peterson .....	Grand Marshal
W. A. Toombs .....	Grand Sword Bearer
W. E. Hardin .....	Grand Pursuivant
W. H. Hawes .....	Grand Tiler

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form on the Master Mason degree, and prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain. Minutes of the 1929 communication having been printed and distributed, were approved.

Twenty-five of the twenty-nine past grand masters were in attendance, and one hundred and eight past masters registered. Five hundred and twenty-six lodges were represented.

From Grand Master Rash's address the following is taken: "Another twelve months have passed into history and we have assembled today to review this period, to draw lessons from our mistakes, to find happiness in whatever worth while may have been accomplished, withal to plan carefully and wisely for the future that Masonry in Kentucky may advance to greater heights of achievement and honor. At the outset it gives me most genuine pleasure to extend to you heartiest greetings and a cordial welcome to this the One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. May each of you find joy in your participation in the deliberations of this grand body, and may this annual renewal of Masonic friendships and association bring to every brother here assembled a full measure of happiness and satisfaction."

Under the title, "Necrology", the Grand Master said: "While we rejoice in the splendid condition of this Grand Lodge, our joy is tinged with sorrow as memory brings the thought of three who since last we met have been called to their great reward."

He issued circulars announcing the death of Past Grand Master Henry Skiles McElroy, who passed to his reward at his home in Lebanon, on July 3, 1930. Again on September 30, 1930, the Craft of Kentucky was shocked and grieved at the sudden home-going of Past Grand Master George Boorom Winslow, who entered upon eternal rest in Carrollton, on the above date. Then on October 20, 1930, Past Grand Master Charles Henry Fisk passed into the Great Beyond at Covington, Ky. "During the year, Death has reaped his usual harvest in other fields of our Grand Jurisdiction. Among those who passed to their final reward was our splendid brother, John H. Segger, a member of our Grand Lodge Committee on Visitors, who died on January 12, 1930. He was a member of Henry Barnes Lodge No. 607. On January 27, 1930, it was my privilege to name Brother Stanley Daughetee of Henry Barnes Lodge No. 607 to succeed Brother Segger as a member of the Committee on Visitors."

On the evening of January 20, 1930, assisted by Deputy Grand Master John X. Taylor and Past Grand Master A. E. Orton, the Grand Master installed Brother Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and Brother H. H. Chancellor, Grand Junior Deacon, in Hopkinsville Lodge No. 37.

The Grand Master issued Christmas Greetings, in which he said: "May the Holiday Season bring you abundant health and happiness untold, and may 1930 be your best year in every way."

Issued circular in regard to voluntary subscriptions to the Million Dollar Committee (see Proceedings, pages 32 and 33).

Attended the annual meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Va., on February 22, 1930.

Answered inquiry concerning free memberships (see Proceedings, pages 34 and 35).

On July 7, 1930, the Grand Master acknowledged the receipt of greetings from the Grand Lodge of England, congratulating the Craft in America on its two hundredth anniversary (see Proceedings, page 35).

Date of May 20, 1930, reviewed "Invasion of Jurisdiction" complaint of Henry Barnes Lodge No. 607 against Bostwick Lodge No. 508 (see Proceedings, page 36).

Reviewed the resolutions of Fleming Lodge No. 112 (see Proceedings, pages 36, 37, 38 and 39).

Referred complaint of Solomon Lodge No. 5 to Grand Lodge Committee on Appeals, on August 2, 1930.

On May 19, 1930, accompanied by Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick, went to West Point, Ky., and laid the cornerstone of the new Masonic Hall.

Regarding unauthorized books, the Grand Master said: "From time to time information has reached the Grand Master

concerning the purchase or possession on the part of some brother of this Grand Jurisdiction of improper and unauthorized books. In each instance the Grand Master has re-emphasized the provisions of Regulation 40 on this subject, and it will not be out of place here again to invite your attention to the two books authorized in this Grand Jurisdiction, viz.: Mackey's Manual and Grant's Trestle Board. Kentucky Monitor is permitted but not authorized."

Recommended a number of brothers as Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for other jurisdictions (see Proceedings, page 40).

On Thursday, August 4, 1930, assisted by officers of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master laid the cornerstone of the new Scottish Rite Temple in Louisville, Kentucky.

Dispensations were granted a number of lodges to continue labors until the last day of the Grand Lodge Session, their charters having been destroyed by fire.

Nine proxies were issued for various purposes (see Proceedings, pages 41 and 42). Two charters were arrested (see Proceedings, page 42). Made a number of interstate visitations, as well as district meetings and visitations (see Proceedings, pages 44 and 45).

Attended St. John's Day celebration and complimented the work of the League.

Reviewed the resolution of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home relative to Brother T. J. Adams and Mrs. Adams. Same printed in Proceedings, pages 46, 47 and 48.

In conclusion, Grand Master Rash said: "My brethren, the report of my work is before you. Only in a small way can I express my sincere and abiding gratitude for the confidence placed in me and for the great honor conferred upon me. My more than abundant compensation has been the unselfish support of the Masons of Kentucky, who generously have overlooked my shortcomings and encouraged me in every way possible. May the God of our Fathers continue to bless you, and through the coming years bring to each of you the fullest measure of love, health, happiness and peace."

Past Grand Master Brother James Garnett, Grand Treasurer, made his report of the Building Committee of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and the report of the John H. Cowles' Benevolent Fund, all of which reports were, on motion duly seconded, referred to the Finance Committee. He submitted an itemized statement of all moneys received and disbursed by him as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, from October 1, 1929, to and including September 30, 1930, which accounts

were audited and approved by certified accountants. The earned income, that is, the interest on investments and interest on deposits collected during the past year, aggregates the sum of \$9,797.55, which is reflected in balance set out in Grand Lodge Proceedings, pages 51 to 77, inclusive. The balance on hand October 1, 1930, was \$175,082.12, out of which was paid as fixed expenses of the Grand Lodge of the amount \$169,600.00, approximately. With the approval of the Grand Lodge and the Finance Committee he placed in the Educational Fund \$167,500.00, and certificates of deposit \$40,000.00 (see Proceedings, pages 52 to 56, inclusive). The Treasurer in account with the Grand Lodge showed:	
Receipts during year .....	\$400,504.50
Bank deposits .....	59,276.25
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Total .....	\$459,780.75
Disbursements .....	284,698.63
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Balance .....	\$175,082.12

As chairman of the New Home Building Committee, Brother Garnett reported as follows: "The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, at its 1920 session, delegated to the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary the most important commission ever given by the Grand Lodge to any body of men when it unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, be and they are authorized and directed to select a site in or near Louisville, which site shall contain sufficient ground for the possible needs of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary during the next century, and they will cause to be erected thereon a modern plant suitable to the care, education and needs of those persons who, under the charter and by-laws of said institution are entitled to the benefits thereof; but the sale of the present Home property shall be held in abeyance until the future orders of this Grand Lodge."

"The Board accepted this most important and far-reaching trust, and appointed a Building Committee to carry out the commission of the Grand Lodge composed of James Garnett, chairman, John M. Scott and George T. Cross, with the President of the Board of Directors, Brother Lee E. Cralle, as ex-officio member thereof. A tract of land on the most prominent thoroughfare, three miles from Louisville, was purchased. The plant was sufficiently completed to enable us to move into the new Home in August, 1927, but the committee has continued its activities by enlarging, adding to and beautifying the property, so that it has been engaged in this work for a period of ten years. In this time it has:

Disbursed .....	\$1,955,763.34
To be paid .....	25,174.41
Domestic Science Bldg. ....	30,000.00

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Total cost of plant ..... \$2,010,937.75

"Brother George T. Cross was a valuable member of the Building Committee until he passed away in November, 1929, when Brother Fred W. Hardwick was selected to succeed him."

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Master Fred W. Hardwick presented the check of Past Grand Master John H. Cowles for \$10,000.00 as a contribution to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund as set forth in a letter attached thereto. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky accepted said check designating the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer as trustees of said fund, with power to invest same.

Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick made his report showing:

Total receipts .....	\$259,649.26
To be accounted for .....	458,846.59
Total disbursed .....	283,764.47
Balance Sept. 30, 1930 .....	175,082.12

He regretted to say that our loss is again heavy; while suspensions are not as great as they were last year, the net loss is larger, being 1,327 members.

The assets of the Grand Lodge were \$383,847.03, the liabilities were \$117,622.22, making net worth \$266,224.81.

There were 587 lodges reported October 1, 1929, 4 charters were surrendered, 2 charters arrested, and 2 lodges consolidated, making total number of lodges October 1, 1930, 579. Members as of August 31, 1929, 62,087, present membership 60,760, apparent loss 1,327, with 850 free members.

New charters were issued to Barker Lodge No. 129, Joe Ellis Lodge No. 473 and Bedford Lodge No. 158, original charters having been destroyed by fire.

Matanzas No. 811 and Centertown No. 714 were consolidated under the name of Centertown Lodge No. 714. Mullen Lodge No. 296 was absorbed by St. Andrews Lodge No. 18.

Carlow Lodge No. 314, Carlow; Napoleon Lodge No. 216, Napoleon; Rennick Lodge No. 549, Dripping Springs, and Valley View Lodge No. 792, Valley View, surrendered their charters.

Palestine Lodge No. 481, Melber, and New Columbus Lodge No. 546, New Columbus, had their charters arrested.

Fourteen lodges did not pay any part of their dues or assessments. Eight lodges were fined for late returns. Forty-three lodges were fined for late pay.

Amending the Constitution, Brother S. H. Fields of Thos. C. Cecil Lodge No. 375 offered a resolution raising the pay of all officers and members of the Grand Lodge, who are entitled to

the same, from four to five dollars per day, four cents per mile traveled. Referred to Jurisprudence Committee and upon recommendation, with minor changes, was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 100 and 101).

Brother T. L. Caudill of Beaver Lodge No. 505 offered a resolution amending Section 171 of the Constitution. Referred to Jurisprudence Committee, which recommended that it lay over one year (see Proceedings, page 100).

Brother V. V. Vinson of Irvine Lodge No. 137 offered a resolution amending Section 124 of the Constitution, the same being required to lay over one year (see Proceedings, page 101).

Committee on By-Laws reported amendments to the By-Laws of fourteen lodges (see Proceedings, page 102).

Six lodges had cases before the Committee on Appeals, same being reviewed (see report of Committee on Appeals, pages 117 to 121, inclusive).

Grand Secretary reported that he had expended \$45.00 for urgent relief from the funds in his hands, leaving a balance of \$273.50.

Referring to the Million Dollar Fund, the Grand Secretary said: "I have made every effort during the year to collect up the outstanding subscriptions that were voluntarily made to build the new Home, and I have returned to the lodges the subscription notes of any members who they certified could not pay. One hundred and seventy lodges have not responded to letters sent. Collected on subscriptions, Oct. 1, 1929, to Sept. 30, 1930 . . . \$4,682.90  
Collected on reinstatements . . . . . 3,048.75

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Total . . . . . \$7,731.65

"We have 3,418 subscriptions which are unpaid, amounting to \$109,856.92, of which 272 subscriptions have had nothing paid on them at all; they amount to \$16,044.00."

On motion, the Grand Secretary's report was distributed to proper committees.

Past Grand Master James Garnett moved that the Committee on Jurisprudence report on the amendment to the Constitution, offered at 1929 session, increasing the per diem to five dollars per day, to be made a special order of business tomorrow morning immediately after the opening of the Grand Lodge. Said motion was seconded and carried.

Committee on Necrology reported through Brother J. W. Ireland (see Proceedings, pages 92, 93, 94, 95 and 96).

At 12 o'clock noon, Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to come on again tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1930

## MORNING SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor on the Master Mason degree at nine o'clock a. m., the Most Worshipful Grand Master Frank D. Rash presiding and all Grand Officers present in their respective stations.

The Committee on Jurisprudence by Past Grand Master Joe H. Ewalt, its chairman, reported as such, which, upon his motion, duly seconded, was approved, except that so much of said report as refers to amendment to Section 124 of the Constitution, which said section of said report was, upon motion of Past Grand Master T. J. Adams, duly seconded, postponed indefinitely.

For complete report of Committee on Jurisprudence, see Proceedings, pages 99, 100, 101 and 102.

Committee on Lodges U. D., Charles Osburn, chairman, made its report, and the same upon motion and second, was adopted (see Proceedings, pages 103 and 104).

Committee on Credentials, by C. G. Moreland, chairman, made a report as such, and the same upon motion and second, was adopted, 116 representatives being qualified (see Proceedings, pages 104 and 105).

The report of Committee on Doings of Other Grand Lodges, W. W. Clarke, chairman, was read by the Grand Secretary and was adopted (see Proceedings, page 106).

By invitation of this Grand Lodge, Past Grand Master John H. Cowles delivered an interesting and instructive address to the members, and on motion was given a rising vote of thanks (see Proceedings, pages 107 and 108).

Past Grand Master James N. Saunders offered the following resolution, which upon his motion was adopted by a rising vote:

"Resolved, That a rising vote of confidence and thanks be tendered Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm, retiring Superintendent of the Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville, Ky., for the splendid administration in financial, as well as other duties encumbered upon him during the several years he occupied said position."

The hour fixed by the Constitution for election of Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months having arrived, the Grand Master appointed tellers, and said election being held resulted as follows:

John X. Taylor (37), Most Worshipful Grand Master; Edwin C. Landberg (607), Deputy Grand Master; John L. Phillips (691), Grand Senior Warden; Richard P. Dietzman (760), Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett (96), Grand Treasurer; Fred W. Hardwick (400), Grand Secretary.

The Committee on By-Laws, George L. Blackford, chairman, made its report, which was adopted, which showed that the By-Laws for fourteen lodges had been examined and approved (see Proceedings, page 109).

The Educational Trustees by Charles McMillan, a member, made a report as such, which report was referred to the Finance Committee (see Proceedings, pages 110, 111, 112 and 113). The treasurer made a financial statement which was included in the report, showing receipts to be \$15,643.52, with disbursements of \$11,452.40, leaving a balance of \$4,191.12.

Out of respect to the memory of Past Grand Master Charles H. Fisk, who will be buried at Covington, Ky., during the afternoon, Grand Lodge remained at refreshment until two o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at two o'clock p. m., Most Worshipful Grand Master Frank D. Rash presiding and all officers in their stations.

As a tribute of respect to deceased Grand Master Charles H. Fisk, the Grand Lodge arose and stood for thirty seconds when prayer was offered by Rev. J. South Hawkins, Grand Chaplain. The Grand Master had the pleasure of presenting his father and son to this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Our Homes, Brother James R. Rash, chairman, made its report, Deputy Grand Master John X. Taylor presiding. This report is printed in full in Proceedings, pages 114, 115 and 116.

Upon motion of Brother Stegeman (808), the Grand Secretary was ordered to draft a letter to physicians, surgeons and all others who have given their services to the Home, thanking them in the name of the Grand Lodge for such services.

The Committee on Appeals, Brother I. B. Ross, chairman, made its report, which upon his motion, duly seconded, was adopted by sections and as a whole. Full report is printed in Proceedings, pages 117, 118, 119, 120 and 121.

Committee on Visitors, Brother S. E. Daughetee, chairman, made its report.

Committee on Work, Past Grand Master E. E. Nelson, made its report, which was adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at three o'clock, until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

#### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1930

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor on the Master Mason degree at nine o'clock, Most Worshipful Grand Master Frank D. Rash presiding and all other officers present.

Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick was ordered to send telegrams of fraternal esteem of this Grand Lodge to Past Grand Masters Frank C. Gerard, Bowling Green; Thomas S. Pettit, Owensboro, and Grand Lecturer W. A. Guthrie, Franklin, Ky.

The Committee on Finance, by Brother John M. Yost, made its report and moved its adoption. The Grand Lodge requested that it be read by sections and acted upon, when Sections 1 to 8 were adopted. Past Grand Master James Garnett moved the approval of appropriating \$10,000.00 for the school year 1931 and 1932, to be paid to the Educational Trustees when and as needed on order of the Grand Master. Said motion was seconded and carried. Section 9 was adopted as read. Section 10, referring to unpaid subscriptions, was debated and a substitute by Past Grand Master Juett prevailed. Action on Section 11 was deferred for one year. Upon motion of the chairman of the Finance Committee, the report was offered as a whole and as amended, and as adopted (see Proceedings, pages 123, 124, 125 and 126).

A resolution by Past Grand Master Virgil Smith requiring the Board of Directors of the Old Masons' Home to serve without pay was not adopted.

Brother S. S. Pinney of Special Committee to examine the conditions at Old Masons' Home reported that duty performed and made "announcement" (see Proceedings, page 127).

Committee on Jurisprudence made supplemental report (see Proceedings, pages 127 and 128).

Past Grand Master Fred W. Hardwick offered the following amendment to Section 172, which after amended, was laid over for one year:

"Sec. 172. Before Term Expires. To restore one expelled, or one suspended, before the expiration of the time named in the sentence, shall require regular petition, payment of the assessment for Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home Building Fund, reference to committee, action deferred for one month, report of committee, unanimous ballot by the lodge that sentenced him, if in existence. If, however, that lodge is defunct, the restoration can only be made by the Grand Lodge provided an expelled member shall not be reinstated within one year from date of his expulsion."

Referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

Brother Leon LaForce, St. Andrew's Lodge No. 18, offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the secretaries of all subordinate lodges be required to place the Masonic record on the certificate when issuing a demit and the same is referred to the proper committee."

Upon motion of Past Grand Master G. Allison Holland, it was ordered by a vote of the Grand Lodge that the secretaries

of subordinate lodges be required to furnish addresses of members to the Grand Secretary when making annual returns.

On motion of Grand Secretary Hardwick, Brother Alex M. Woodruff was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master made the following appointments:

Rev. Paul S. Powell (37), Grand Chaplain; W. M. Criss (37), Grand Senior Deacon; Elmer E. Embry (692), Grand Junior Deacon; J. W. Hardin (548), Grand Marshal; J. D. Whiteaker (655), Grand Sword Bearer; C. G. Moreland (256), Grand Pursuivant; Wm. H. Hawes (760), Grand Tiler.

Grand Master Rash installed all the officers, elective and appointive, except the Grand Secretary, who would be installed during January. He also made the following committee appointments:

Appeals—A. A. Hazelrigg, Mt. Sterling No. 23; Perry B. Miller, Morganfield No. 66, and Otto C. Martin, Hartford No. 675.

By-Laws—J. W. Reed, Hopkinsville No. 37; G. W. Towery, Clinton No. 82, and John M. Yost, Thos. C. Cecil No. 375.

Credentials—George M. Clark, Hopkinsville No. 37; W. D. Dodds, Mayfield No. 369, and George P. Ginn, Poage No. 325.

Finance—John T. Kincaid, Lexington No. 1; Paul P. Price, E. W. Turner No. 548, and D. Walter Gatlin, Madisonville No. 143.

Jurisprudence—Joe H. Ewalt, Paris No. 2; Orie S. Ware, Covington No. 109, and Al E. Orton, Dawson No. 628.

Lodges U. D.—J. R. Harrison, St. Charles No. 608; M. S. Linebaugh, Guthrie No. 669, and J. Morton Williams, Beaver Dam No. 420.

Necrology—J. W. Ireland, Henry Barnes No. 607.

Our Homes—Moses T. Glenn, Dawson No. 628; Hugh S. Young, Bell No. 691, and T. W. Sweatt, Cassia No. 272.

Proceedings of Other Grand Lodges—W. W. Clarke, Owensboro No. 130.

Visitors—Arthur W. Riggs, Latonia No. 746; Chester Brunson, Henry Barnes No. 607, and Guy T. Johnson, Lexington No. 1.

Biography—Charles O. Osburn, Madisonville No. 143.

Work—James E. Wilhelm, Plain City No. 449; S. P. Alderson, Russellville No. 17; J. B. Overall, Springfield No. 50; T. J. Adams, Louisville No. 400; D. J. Hall, Eminence No. 282; Fred Acker, Paducah No. 127, and E. E. Nelson, Williamsburg No. 490.

Educational Trustees—John T. Graves, Landmark No. 41; C. A. McMillan, Paris No. 2; John J. Howe, Carrollton No. 134; T. W. Pennington, Lincoln No. 60; James H. Richmond, Lewis No. 191; Charles F. Weaver, Poage No. 325, and John W. Juett, Eminence No. 282.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master John X. Taylor delivered an address and received many presentations.

Past Grand Master John W. Juett presented the retiring Grand Master Frank D. Rash a past grand master's jewel, to which Brother Rash made suitable response.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 12:15 p. m.

JOHN X. TAYLOR, Grand Master.

FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary.

## EMERGENCY MEETINGS

The year 1930-1931 was marked with industrial unrest and financial instability. Unemployment was the greatest ever known in the country; old established business houses and some of the supposedly strongest banking institutions in the country were closing their doors, and hundreds of thousands of people found their savings of a lifetime tied up in closed banks and their stock in some business enterprises of no value whatever. In December, 1930, there was an emergency meeting of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, called by Grand Master Taylor for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the bond on the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky covered any part of the moneys deposited to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 19, 1930.

The Grand Master called an emergency meeting, at which the following officers were present:

Brothers John X. Taylor, Grand Master; E. C. Landberg, Deputy Grand Master; Richard Priest Dietzman, Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett, Grand Treasurer, and Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master announced that the meeting had been called to examine the bond carried on the Grand Treasurer, to ascertain whether it covered any part of the moneys deposited to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Brother Dietzman be appointed a committee to look over the bond and also ascertain if it was advisable in the future to place a bond on the deposits.

On account of the closing of the Louisville Trust Company, the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge found that he was without funds and reported that he had endorsed a certificate of deposit for forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) over to the Citizens Union National Bank as surety and they had permitted him to draw warrants against same. The action of the Grand Treasurer was duly approved.

Fred W. Hardwick,

Grand Secretary.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 26, 1930.

Hon. John X. Taylor,  
Hopkinsville, Ky.

Dear Brother Taylor:

I have investigated the bond of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge pursuant to your request and find that it insures the Grand Lodge only against the "Fraud, dishonesty, forgery, theft, embezzlement and wrongful abstraction" (I have quoted the bond itself) of the Grand Treasurer. It is obvious that our bank deposits are not within the protection of the bond, so far as the recent bank closing is concerned. I did not get to see the Grand Secretary's bond. He tells me that you have it, but that it is just the same as that of the Grand Treasurer. If so, and I have no doubt but that it is so, the same result attaches to it as to that of the Grand Treasurer.

I also looked into the guaranteeing of our bank deposits. We can procure bond—the premium will be 1% (it has been advanced) and we can procure a bond to guarantee any deposit we may have on any day in the year—the premium being finally calculated on the average daily deposit of the year.

Tusting this is the report you wished me to make and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Fraternally thine,  
Richard Priest Dietzman.

In March, 1931, the Grand Master called another emergency meeting for the purpose of deciding whether they should approve and join in the plan for the reopening of the Louisville Trust Company.

Louisville, Ky., Mar. 20, 1931.

The Grand Master called an emergency meeting in the Grand Secretary's office on the above date, at which the following officers were present:

Brothers John X. Taylor, Grand Master; E. C. Landberg, Deputy Grand Master; John L. Phillips, Grand Senior Warden; Richard Priest Dietzman, Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett, Grand Treasurer, and Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master announced that the meeting had been called to decide whether we should approve and join in the plan for the reopening of the Louisville Trust Co.

The following resolution was adopted, which was signed by all the officers:

WHEREAS, The Louisville Trust Company was the regular authorized depository of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., and at the time the Louisville Trust Company turned over its affairs to the Banking Commissioner of Kentucky, on November 17, 1930, the said Grand Lodge of Kentucky held a certificate of deposit issued by the Louisville Trust Co., for the sum of

\$40,000.00, and had to its credit in its checking account a balance of \$26,152.91, and

WHEREAS, At a meeting of the depositors held on March 6, 1931, a committee, with Judge Huston Quin as chairman, was selected to carry out a plan of reorganization, and said committee caused to be printed a form of power of attorney and assignment, which has been considered by the elective Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky who constitute the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M. The plan requires each depositor to subscribe for stock to the extent of 15% of his deposit. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., that James Garnett, Grand Treasurer, be and he is directed to sign, execute and deliver to said committee power of attorney, approving the plan for the reopening of the Louisville Trust Company, subscribing for stock therein to the extent of 15% of the balance due the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., by the Louisville Trust Company, and agreeing to the payment of the remainder of said deposit as set out in the reorganization committee's plan.

A certified copy of this resolution will be attached to the power of attorney so executed by the Grand Treasurer.

(Signed) :

JOHN X. TAYLOR, Grand Master.  
E. C. LANDBERG, D. G. M.  
JOHN L. PHILLIPS, G. S. W.  
RICHARD P. DIETZMAN, G. J. W.  
JAMES GARNETT, Grand Treas.  
FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Sec.

## ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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John X. Taylor

1931

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Born 1869

Brother John X. Taylor was born at Cromwell, Ohio County, Ky., February 14, 1869, the son of F. M. and Lucinda Taylor. He is the descendant of an illustrious pioneer family which included several prominent ministers of the Baptist Church, who played prominent parts in molding the religious ideals of pioneer life in Kentucky. He obtained his common school education in the schools of his native county, after which he entered Hartford College, from which institution he was graduated in 1890. Following his graduation from college he taught in the public schools for several years. He gave up teaching and decided to become a druggist and to accomplish that end he entered a school of pharmacy. Having received his diploma from this institute he immediately embarked upon a business career as druggist at Cromwell, Kentucky, where he carried on his business successfully for some time. He then decided to move to Earlington, Ky., and was for a time engaged in the drug business at that place. He again, after a time, felt the urge to seek richer fields for his endeavor and accordingly in 1922, he became a citizen of Hopkinsville, where he now resides and conducts a large retail drug store. For many years he has been a devout Christian, having early in life affiliated with the Baptist Church. He has served the First Baptist Church of Hopkinsville as a member of the Board of Deacons and has also served as one of the group superintendents of the Christian County Baptist Sunday School Association. He is an active worker for and liberal contributor to the denominational program of his church.

Like all good Masons Past Grand Master Taylor is likewise a good citizen. He has served the Hopkinsville Chamber of Commerce as a director, as treasurer, and as president, and also served as a director of its associated charities. For two years he served as president of the Kentucky Rexall Club, an organization composed of proprietors of Rexall drug stores in Kentucky. For years he has been actively identified with every movement having for its object the betterment of the commercial, educational, social and religious life of his community. During the World War he served as a member of the Kentucky division White House Con-

ference on Child Health and Protection, and was appointed enlisting officer for the Merchant Marines. He served painstakingly and efficiently as one of the official "four minute" speakers during the War, serving his country faithfully and well during the crisis for \$1.00 per year. At the close of the War he received the commendation of Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States.

His Masonic record is none the less illustrious and evidences the esteem in which he is held by his Masonic brethren. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Cromwell Lodge No. 692 in the year 1885, and served his lodge as Senior Deacon, Junior and Senior Wardens, and then became a member of E. W. Turner Lodge No. 548, Earlington, of Earlington Chapter No. 141, R. A. M., and Past Eminent Commander of St. Bernard Commandery No. 29, K. T., of Earlington. He served as Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1922; was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1927; Grand Senior Warden in 1928; Deputy Grand Master in 1929, and Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1930. He is Past Patron of Earlington Chapter, O. E. S., and of Carrie Hart Chapter No. 83, O. E. S., Hopkinsville. He brought to the discharge of arduous duties of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky the same energy, consecration, and fidelity which has characterized his entire life. By virtue of his office as Grand Master he was a member ex officio of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, Louisville, and of the Old Masons' Home, at Shelbyville. Notwithstanding his duties to these institutions required a great deal of his time, he found time to visit more subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction than any of his predecessors. Under his leadership and personal contact with the members throughout the state, Masonry was an even greater factor in the fraternal life of Kentucky than ever before.

His entire life, which has been one of great activity, has also been one of signal achievement and success, and during this time his inspiration and counsel has been the devoted wife with whom he intermarried early in life. Mrs. Taylor is the daughter of W. N. and Jemima Martin of Cromwell. She is modest and unassuming, having been content to inspire and assist her distinguished husband in all his laudable efforts, and has taken an equal pride with him in all his achievements.

## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1931

The One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., was called to order at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, October 20, 1931, in the Shubert Building, Fourth and Chestnut Streets, Louisville, Ky., by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother John X. Taylor, presiding in the East and assisted by the following Grand Officers who were present and in their respective stations:

Edwin C. Landberg .....	Deputy Grand Master
John L. Phillips .....	Grand Senior Warden
Richard Priest Dietzman .....	Grand Junior Warden
James Garnett .....	Grand Treasurer
Fred W. Hardwick .....	Grand Secretary
Alex M. Woodruff .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
W. M. Criss .....	Grand Senior Deacon
Elmer S. Embry .....	Grand Junior Deacon
Rt. Rev. G. G. Graber .....	Grand Chaplain
J. W. Hardin .....	Grand Marshal
J. D. Whiteaker .....	Grand Sword Bearer
C. G. Moreland .....	Grand Pursuivant
W. H. Hawes .....	Grand Tiler

Prayer was offered by the Rt. Rev. G. G. Graber, Grand Chaplain, after which Grand Lodge was opened in ample form on the Master Mason degree.

Past Grand Master Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, offered the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, That as the minutes of our regular annual communication for the year of 1930 have been published and delivered to those entitled to them, that they be and are now approved."

Which resolution being duly seconded, was adopted.

Of the twenty-nine living past grand masters, twenty-four of them were present.

#### GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Grand Master Taylor delivered his address to Grand Lodge, speaking in part as follows:

"We have met here in the One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to review my work. It is before you for your careful consideration. If you find any good done, any progress made, give due credit to my co-workers; the mistakes and faults, charge to my account.

"I wish to extend to you, and each of you, a hearty, happy welcome and wish for you a pleasant and beneficial meeting. May the blessings of Jehovah be with you and your loved ones."

He spoke very pleasantly of having attended a meeting of Morrison Lodge No. 76, given in honor of Brother Samuel Goldnamer, who had been for seventy years a member of that lodge. He extended thanks to Mrs. Edna Mae Shewalter, Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, for a check of \$500.00, being the third check for like amount to be credited on the \$2,000.00 pledge made to the Home by the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. He visited many subordinate lodges during the year and expressed satisfaction for having had the opportunity to do so.

#### THE LOST JEWEL

Said the Grand Master: "Thieves entered your Grand Master's home on the night of April 11, and among other things stolen was his handbag in which he carried the Grand Lodge Jewel."

He also attended the commencement exercises at the Home School and presented the diplomas to the class of graduates.

In closing, he said: "The year has been the best, brightest, and happiest of my life. I have given of my time, strength, and best efforts to repay you in a small measure for the honor and confidence you reposed in me four years ago. I wish again to thank you from the depth of my heart for the honors so graciously given me, and I shall ever have a memory of the many loving courtesies shown me. I wish that I could do for each of you what you have done for me. The year has meant so much to me.

I have had many lessons exemplified in the lives of my brethren. Let us look to the future with intelligence, courage and confidence that we may accomplish more and greater things for Masonry. I will close with the words of that matchless man and Mason, Dave Jackson, 'GOD BLESS YOU, MY BROTHER, IT MEANS SO MUCH TO BE A MASON.'"

#### GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Brother Past Grand Master James Garnett, Grand Treasurer, made his report, and as chairman of the Building Committee of the new Home, also reported for that organization. These reports upon motion, duly seconded, were referred to the Finance Committee. Prefacing his statistical report with a summation of the troubled events of the past year, he spoke as follows: "Since the last session of the Grand Lodge the world has passed through its most chaotic financial period and the cataclysm overshadowed Louisville and Kentucky. Organized Masonry, as well as individuals and other organizations, has suffered thereby. In order that you may be put in possession of all the facts touching the finances of the Grand Lodge, so that you may determine its losses, if any, and its present financial status, my report will necessarily be more voluminous than usual."

Then followed a detailed statement of the financial transactions conducted by him for the period covering the fiscal year. A recapitulation of his report showed the following:

Balance shown by last statement .....	\$175,082.12
Receipts .....	202,132.81
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Total .....	\$377,214.93
Disbursements .....	263,919.31
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	\$113,295.62

Invested in deferred obligations of Louisville Trust Company as provided in the reorganization agreement .....	12,846.44
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Balance .....	\$100,449.18
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The above is the balance on hand on October 1, 1931, and is on deposit as follows:

Louisville Trust Co. .....	\$13,306.47
Citizens Union National Bank .....	87,142.71

Brother Garnett also stated in his report, in part, as follows:

"It has been the custom of the Grand Lodge to appropriate to the Educational Trustees \$10,000.00 per annum to enable that organization to carry on the work of giving vocational training to the boys and girls who leave the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home. The purpose of the Educational Trustees is to

train the boys and girls in some vocation so that they will be self-sustaining. If this plan is carried out, some of the children living in the Home will be trained in one year while others will take two, but in no event should any of the children be given the benefit of this fund for more than two years. It is my suggestion that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky authorize and direct the Grand Treasurer to turn over to the Educational Trustees securities and cash of the aggregate market value of \$55,000.00 on the agreement that the Educational Trustees will use and consume this sum or such part thereof as may be necessary during five years from and after this date, that they will report each year to the Grand Lodge and at the end of five years will make a complete report showing the number of children trained, what vocation they are following, what amount they are earning, together with such other information as will enable the Grand Lodge to determine whether this work shall be continued. If the Grand Lodge is satisfied with the report, it can then make provision for the future. If it is not satisfied with the report, it can eliminate this expense. If the lump sum appropriation is made, it should be understood that it is in full of all the money to be paid by the Grand Lodge for this purpose, including traveling expenses and per diem of the committee.

"I further recommend that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay for the George Washington Memorial out of the securities on hand such sum as this Grand Lodge may consider the full amount of its subscription for this purpose."

Brother Past Grand Master Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, made his report, which was, upon motion, duly seconded, distributed to the proper committees. Beginning his report, he spoke as follows:

"I herewith submit my annual report as your Grand Secretary, for the year ending September 30, 1931:

"I am sorry to report that suspensions during the year were larger than they were last year. The net loss is also larger being 2,293."

#### SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Number of lodges reported October 1, 1930 .....	579
No new lodges instituted.	
Charters surrendered, Nos. 454, 571 and 815 .....	3
Charters arrested, No. 727 .....	1      4
Total number of lodges October 1, 1931 .....	575

Members per returns as of August 31, 1930 .....	60,760
Members initiated since last returns .....	1,139
Members admitted since last returns .....	427
Members reinstated since last returns .....	465
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	2,031
Members expelled since last returns .....	16
Members demitted since last returns .....	507
Members suspended since last returns .....	2,895
Members died since last returns .....	906
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	4,324

Apparent loss .....	2,293
Present membership, as shown by returns received .....	58,467
Free members .....	863

He reported one lodge set to work under charter, several charters burned, and three surrendered.

He offered an amendment to Section 172 of the Constitution, which was as follows:

"Sec. 172. Before Term Expires. To restore one expelled or one suspended, before the expiration of the time named in the sentence, shall require regular petition, payment of the assessment for the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home Building Fund, reference to committee, action deferred for one month, report of committee and unanimous ballot by the lodge that sentenced him, if in existence. If, however, that lodge be defunct, the restoration can only be made by the Grand Lodge provided an expelled member shall not be reinstated within one year from the date of his expulsion."

In speaking of the Million Dollar Fund, the Grand Secretary said: "A desperate effort has been made during the year to collect the subscription notes voluntarily made to build the new Home. In accordance with the resolution offered by Past Grand Master Juett, I have endeavored to have the lodges assist me in making these collections, but very little, if any, interest was manifested. Lodges will not prefer charges against their members to enforce this collection."

Total collections .....	\$6,114.47
Collected from those reinstated .....	2,099.75

Total amount collected .....	\$8,214.22
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"We still have outstanding on these notes \$70,509.25. I do not believe it is possible for me to collect very much more of this fund unless some help is given me by the Grand Lodge. After cancelling all notes of those who died and who were certified to me by the lodge that they were unable to pay, and taking

out of the live file those who have been suspended or demitted, there are still 2,448 notes unpaid."

On motion by Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware, duly seconded, the Grand Secretary's report was distributed to the proper committees.

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Certified Public Accountant's report to Grand Master Taylor stated that the books and records of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1931, had been audited and found to be correct and in balance, and all funds properly accounted for.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Taylor presented to the Grand Lodge, Brother Sam Goldnamer of Elizabethtown, who had been a member of Morrison Lodge No. 76 for seventy years. He also introduced Brother Past Grand Master John G. Orndorff, who had just the week previously celebrated his ninety-third birthday.

#### DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Brother Guy Johnson introduced the following distinguished visitors: J. P. Templeton, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee; E. R. Burr, Past Grand Master of Tennessee; T. E. Doss, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, R. A. M., and Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, R. & S. M.; E. B. Duke, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, and L. C. Connell, Superintendent of the Tennessee Masonic Home.

On motion of Past Grand Master Chas. S. Rankins, a telegram of felicitation was sent to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Past Grand Master G. Allison Holland offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee:

"WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons; the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, and the Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters, have for more than fifty years been holding their Annual Meetings in the City of Louisville, beginning on Monday before the third Tuesday in October of each year and continuing until Thursday night; and

WHEREAS, On a previous occasion, a race meeting was scheduled for Louisville at the same time and this year a meeting of the National Association of Laundrymen is meeting here, the conflict of these meetings making it practically impossible, and in some cases absolutely impossible, for the Masons of Kentucky to secure proper hotel accommodations, and

"WHEREAS, No attention has been paid in the public press up to this date of these Masonic meetings which, as heretofore stated, are held annually in this city; and in order to remedy this matter as far as the Masons are concerned, it becomes necessary to amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky,

"THEREFORE, RESOLVED, That Section 9 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be amended so that when amended it shall read as follows:

"Section 9: 'The Grand Lodge of Kentucky shall hold its Annual Communications in Louisville on the third Tuesday in October of each year, except that the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden, or a majority of them, may change the place of meeting to some other city in Kentucky if they shall find it to the best interest of the Craft in the matter of publicity and hotel accommodations, or for any other reason, or reasons, which to such officers may appear sufficient.'

"In the event of a change in the meeting place as herein provided, sixty days previous notice shall be given to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, and to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters, in order that they may so notify their organization as to the change of meeting place.

Past Grand Master Sam K. Veach introduced to Grand Lodge, Brother Ernest E. Sykes, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

Brother Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, presented Grand Master Taylor a gavel made by the boys in the Manual Training Department of the Home.

Judge Richard Priest Dietzman, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has created a Commission to arrange a fitting nation-wide observance of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of George Washington in 1932, and

"WHEREAS, The Commission so stated, composed of the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, four members of the United States Senate, four members of the House of Representatives, and eight citizens appointed by the President of the United States, is charged with the duty of planning and directing the celebration, and

"WHEREAS, The high purpose of the event is to commemorate the life, character and achievements of the most illustrious citizen of our Republic and to give every man, woman and child

living under the Stars and Stripes an opportunity to take part in the celebration which will be outstanding in the world's history, and

"WHEREAS, The United States George Washington Bi-Centennial Commission, desiring the full co-operation of the people in the United States, has extended a most cordial and urgent invitation to our organization to participate in the celebration, therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, does hereby endorse the program of observance of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of George Washington, to take place in 1932; accept with appreciation, the invitation of the George Washington Bi-Centennial Commission, and pledge this organization to extend earnest co-operation to the United States Commission in all possible ways, so that future generations of American citizens may be inspired to live according to the example and precepts of Washington's exalted life and character, and thus perpetuate the American Republic, and be it further

"RESOLVED, That this resolution be incorporated in the official proceedings of this meeting and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the United States George Washington Bi-Centennial Commission, Washington, D. C."

The report of the Necrology Committee was made by Brother J. W. Ireland, its chairman, and the same was adopted by a rising vote.

The Grand Secretary announced that busses would be in front of the building at 1:15 p. m. to carry delegates to the Home to witness an entertainment by the children of the Home School.

Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet at 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1931

### MORNING SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:00 o'clock a. m., with the Grand Chaplain, G. G. Graber, offering the invocation.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was made by Brother J. W. Reed, the chairman, and the same was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Lodges U. D. was made by the chairman of the committee, J. R. Harrison, and said report was adopted.

Brother C. M. Clark, chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported for that committee, and the same was adopted.

Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and the same was adopted.

Brother Arthur W. Riggs, chairman of the Committee on Visitors, submitted the report for that committee, which was adopted.

Past Grand Master Wm. Carson Black brought up his resolution in reference to fifty-year members, offered at the 1930 session, and on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted.

"RESOLVED, That any Master Mason who qualifies with Section 143 shall receive from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, a Veteran's Medal, if you please, of such shape and wording, together with the Grand Lodge seal, as to clearly indicate the meaning and purpose of the emblem, not only to the proud possessor but to anyone who would read and rejoice with the recipient thereof. Further, be it

"RESOLVED, That the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of three to bring into execution the meaning and method of this resolution, and when approved by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, same becomes operative, and the Grand Secretary shall forward to the lodge of any brother worthy to receive this emblem, same to be presented to the fifty-year Mason in such manner as he and the lodge agree upon, whether privately or in open lodge. Such money in the treasury of the Grand Lodge not otherwise appropriated shall be used to purchase the medal, same not to exceed in cost, in the aggregate, the sum of three dollars."

Wm. Carson Black,  
E. T. Dunigan,  
Chester D. Adams,  
Committee.

Brother Past Grand Master Peak offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"BE IT RESOLVED, That when the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., adjourns on October 22, 1931, said adjournment shall be sine die, and the Grand Treasurer is authorized and directed to pay all duly accredited representatives, members of committees, past grand masters in attendance for three days, except those members of committees who are entitled to four or more days."

Brother Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, moved that telegrams be sent to Past Grand Masters Thos. S. Pettit, W. W. Clarke, and Brother W. A. Guthrie. Said motion was duly seconded and carried.

Brother E. W. Jenkins, of Lafayette Lodge No. 151, offered the following resolution, which under Constitution, had to lie over until the 1932 session:

"After hearing the Secretary's report yesterday, it seems that Masonry is out of line with finance.

"I, therefore, offer a resolution that \$5.00 be deducted from the Endowment Fund, which is now \$10.00, and also \$5.00 from the initiation fee, which is now \$20.00; therefore making a total of \$20.00, so a candidate can receive Masonry, as Masonry is not intended for the elite alone."

Past Grand Master James Garnett presented Brother Geo. A. Lewis, of Hiram Lodge No. 4, who had been a Master Mason for sixty-two years and had been attending Grand Lodge for fifty-three years.

Brother Moses R. Glenn, chairman of the Committee on Our Homes, made the report for that committee, and same was adopted.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Jurisprudence Committee's report made this day, the following brethren were appointed a Special Committee: Brother D. Bates Shackelford, member of Richmond Lodge No. 25; Brother S. M. Hamilton, a member of John D. Hamilton Lodge No. 578, and Brother E. C. Stockton, a member of Richmond Lodge No. 25.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Eleven o'clock having arrived, which is the Constitutional time for holding the election of officers, the Grand Lodge proceeded with this duty. The Grand Master appointed as tellers, Brothers C. S. Rankins, T. P. Alexander, F. D. Rash, E. E. Nelson, W. C. Homans, and S. A. Carroll.

The following were elected:

Edwin C. Landberg (607), Grand Master; John L. Phillips (691), Deputy Grand Master; Richard Priest Dietzman (760), Grand Senior Warden; Hebbert Henderson (437), Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett (96), Grand Treasurer; Fred W. Hardwick (400), Grand Secretary.

The report of Committee on Appeals was made by Brother A. A. Hazelrigg, chairman of this committee, and said report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Work was read by the Grand Secretary, and the same was adopted.

Past Grand Master John W. Juett offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"WHEREAS, At the last session of the Grand Lodge, a resolution was adopted in the matter of the members that owe notes to the Million Dollar Fund, that by the action of the lodge a brother was excused from the payment of the note, provided he was not financially able to pay same and the secretary of

subordinate lodge will submit to the Grand Secretary, who was empowered to cancel the note, but if the brother is able to pay the amount, then after a reasonable effort had been made to collect same by the Grand Secretary assisted by the lodges, the matter be referred to the next session of the Grand Lodge for future action, and

"WHEREAS, The stringent times are still continuing, therefore be it resolved that the Grand Secretary be asked to continue his efforts to collect these notes, assisted by the lodges, with the instructions that if the same are not paid by the next session of the Grand Lodge, drastic action will be taken to collect same."

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2:30 o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2:30 p. m., Wednesday afternoon, October 21. Most Worshipful Grand Master John X. Taylor presiding and all of the Grand Officers present and in their respective positions. Prayer was offered by Brother G. G. Graber, Grand Chaplain.

By permission of the Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful Grand Master Taylor invited to the stage Brother Harris Cross, a resident of the Old Masons' Home, ninety-three years old, who entertained Grand Lodge with an interesting talk.

Brother C. A. McMillan, a member of the Educational Trustees, offered their report, and upon his motion same was referred to the Finance Committee. The report of the Treasurer, Brother John T. Graves, showed the receipts for the year to have been \$15,809.76. Disbursements were \$15,809.76.

Brother D. W. Gatlin made the report of the Committee on Finance, and the same was adopted.

Brother Leon LaForce offered the following resolution:

"Resolved. That the secretaries of all subordinate lodges be required to place the Masonic record of the brother on the certificate when issuing a demit."

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 3:45 o'clock p. m., until Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

#### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1931

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor on the Master Mason degree, Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock a. m., Most Worshipful Grand Master John X. Taylor presiding, with all the Grand Officers present in their respective stations. Prayer was offered by Brother G. G. Graber, Grand Chaplain.

Past Grand Master Grand Treasurer James Garnett offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"WHEREAS, John X. Taylor, Grand Master; E. C. Landberg, Deputy Grand Master; John L. Phillips, Grand Senior Warden; Richard Priest Dietzman, Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett, Grand Treasurer, and Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, constituting the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, with power to carry on the business of the Grand Lodge during the interim between regular meetings thereof, at a meeting held on March 20, 1931, adopted the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, The Louisville Trust Company was the regular authorized depository of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., and at the time the Louisville Trust Company turned over its affairs to the Banking Commissioner of Kentucky, on November 17, 1930, the said Grand Lodge of Kentucky held a certificate of deposit issued by the Louisville Trust Co., for the sum of \$40,000.00, and had to its credit in its checking account a balance of \$26,152.91, and

"WHEREAS, At a meeting of the depositors held on March 6, 1931, a committee, with Judge Huston Quin as chairman, was selected to carry out a plan of reorganization, and said committee caused to be printed a form of power of attorney and assignment, which has been considered by the elective Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky who constitute the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M. The plan requires each depositor to subscribe for stock to the extent of 15% of his deposit. Therefore be it

"RESOLVED, By the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., that James Garnett, Grand Treasurer, be and he is directed to sign, execute and deliver to said committee power of attorney, approving the plan for the reopening of the Louisville Trust Company, subscribing for stock therein to the extent of 15% of the balance due the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., by the Louisville Trust Company, and agreeing to the payment of the remainder of said deposit as set out in the reorganization committee's plan, and

"WHEREAS, James Garnett, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, did, in obedience to said resolution, sign, execute and deliver the agreement whereby the Grand Lodge of Kentucky subscribed for stock to the extent of 15% of the balance due the Grand Lodge of Kentucky by the Louisville Trust Company and agreed to the payment of the remainder of said deposits as set forth in the plan of the reorganization committee, and

"WHEREAS, When said reorganization plan became effective the Louisville Trust Company was indebted to the Grand Lodge in the following sums:

Checking account .....	\$26,152.91
Interest .....	73.70
Certificate of deposit .....	40,000.00
Interest .....	303.32
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Making a total of .....	\$66,529.93
And when the Louisville Trust Company was reopened, said funds were apportioned as follows:	
Refunding certificate .....	\$19,958.98
Stock .....	9,979.00
Cash .....	13,306.47
Deferred 4 months .....	3,326.50
Deferred 8 months .....	3,326.50
Deferred 12 months .....	3,326.50
Certificate of deposit .....	13,305.98
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Total .....	\$66,529.93

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, that the action of its Grand Officers in authorizing its Grand Treasurer to subscribe to said agreement and subject the funds of the Grand Lodge to the plan formulated for the reopening of the Louisville Trust Company, the acts of the Grand Treasurer and the act of the Louisville Trust Company in issuing to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky stock, the refunding certificate, certificate of deposit, deferred rights to withdraw money and place into its account \$13,306.47 in cash, be and the same is now ratified, approved and confirmed, and the Louisville Trust Company will transfer the certificates of stock when endorsed by the Grand Treasurer, place the cash now due to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., and as each of the deferred payments and certificate of deposit become due, said sums will be credited to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, all of which will be withdrawn by the Grand Treasurer when and as warrants therefor have been drawn by the Grand Master."

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Past Grand Master John X. Taylor installed all of the officers, elective and appointive, as follows:

E. C. Landberg, Grand Master; John L. Phillips, Deputy Grand Master; Richard Priest Dietzman, Grand Senior Warden; Hebbert Henderson, Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett, Grand Treasurer; Alex. M. Woodruff, Assistant Grand Secretary; R. D. Harding, Grand Chaplain; Walter B. Meagher, Grand Senior Deacon; Fred A. Kratch, Grand Junior Deacon; J. Mason Howk, Grand Marshal; A. H. LeRoy, Grand Sword Bearer; Hugh

S. Young, Grand Pursuivant; W. H. Hawes, Grand Tiler; James V. Hudson, Grand Lecturer; W. A. Guthrie, Grand Orator.

Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, announced the appointment of Brother Alex M. Woodruff (820), as Assistant Grand Secretary, which was approved by the Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Edwin C. Landberg, upon his installation, made a touching and instructive address to the Grand Lodge.

Henry Barnes Lodge No. 607, by Brother J. R. Siple, presented a beautiful basket of flowers to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to which he made suitable response.

Rt. Rev. G. G. Graber presented to Past Grand Master John X. Taylor, a past grand master's jewel on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Past Grand Master Fred Acker, the Most Worshipful Grand Master presented to the Grand Lodge his father and father-in-law, Brother Woodburn, who was made a Master Mason in Ireland forty years ago. Brother Woodburn in response addressed the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master appointed the following committees:

Jurisprudence—Henry P. Barret, Jerusalem No. 9; A. E. Orton, Dawson No. 628; Chas. S. Rankins, Newport No. 358.

Appeals—Perry B. Miller, Morganfield No. 66; Otto C. Martin, Hartford No. 675; Henderson G. Hightower, Latonia No. 746.

Finance—Paul P. Price, E. W. Turner No. 548; D. Walter Gatlin, Madisonville No. 143; Geo. C. Stahel, Golden Rule No. 345.

Credentials—Guy Johnson, Lexington No. 1; Thomas J. Dunn, Good Will No. 936; M. M. MacDonald, Alexandria No. 152.

By-Laws—Chas. Pommering, Ft. Thomas No. 808; Frank Monahon, Augusta No. 80; W. R. Dickenson, Poage No. 325.

Lodges U. D.—John L. Rees, Golden Rule No. 345; Geo. Schneider, Robert Burns No. 163; Chas. P. Henry, Highland No. 311.

Necrology—J. W. Ireland, Henry Barnes No. 607.

Our Homes—John M. Cochran, Maysville No. 52; Geo. J. Rost, Good Faith No. 95; Dwight Marshall, Jenkins No. 856.

Other Grand Lodges—W. W. Clarke, Owensboro No. 130.

Visitors—C. O. Osburn, Madisonville No. 143; W. M. Criss, Hopkinsville No. 37; J. W. Hardin, E. W. Turner No. 548.

Work—S. P. Alderson, Russellville No. 17; J. B. Overall, Springfield No. 50; T. J. Adams, Louisville No. 400; D. J. Hall, Eminence No. 282; Fred Acker, Paducah No. 127; E. E. Nelson, Williamsburg No. 490; Fred Gans Sommer, Preston No. 281.

Educational Trustees—C. A. McMillan, Paris No. 2; John J. Howe, Carrollton No. 134; T. W. Pennington, Lincoln No. 60; James H. Richmond, Lewis No. 191; Chas. F. Weaver, Poage No.

325; Dr. J. W. Juett, Eminence No. 282; John T. Graves, Landmark No. 41.

Masonic Emblem—Wm. Carson Black, Mountain No. 187; E. T. Dunigan, Franklin No. 28; Chester D. Adams, Eminence No. 282.

On motion of Past Grand Master James Garnett, a rising vote of thanks was extended to the retiring Grand Master, John X. Taylor, for his efficient and untiring services as Most Worshipful Grand Master, to which the retiring Grand Master made suitable response.

Brother John L. Rees offered the following resolution, which was duly seconded and adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Grand Master be authorized to appoint a Special Committee of one to act in conjunction with representatives of the other Grand Bodies to see that the local papers give proper and sufficient publicity to the doings of these Grand Bodies both before and during the convocations."

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 10:45 a. m. with prayer by the Rt. Rev. R. D. Harding, Grand Chaplain.

E. C. LANDBERG, Grand Master.

FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Edwin C. Landberg

1932

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Born 1894

Edwin C. Landberg, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was born at Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, on the 22nd day of August, 1894, the oldest son of Charles G. and Clara Johnson Landberg. Under their watchful eye and guiding hand, and endowed with the inheritance of a strong will and determination, plus the teachings of a Christian home, he fared forth with the hope that he might be worthy of the name he bore. With this thought uppermost in his mind linked together with that indomitable spirit to succeed, it is a small wonder that Edwin C. Landberg has rapidly forged to the front and left behind him a record of outstanding accomplishments and achievements. His irresistible, dynamic personality, combined with his high character, tenderness of heart, patience and understanding, have won for him the love and admiration of those who have known and observed him through his whole life.

His early education was received in the public schools of Cincinnati, Ohio, Charleston, West Virginia, and Dayton, Kentucky, graduating from the high school of the latter city with honors. He then attended the Institute of Applied Arts, Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated as an architect in 1913. After a few years spent in several eastern architectural offices and seven years with the Ferro Concrete Construction Co., at Cincinnati, he entered the practice of architecture in Ohio and Kentucky, and through tireless efforts and close application of his ingenuity and skill, is now recognized as one of the leading architects of those states. A number of Masonic Temples have been erected from his designs under his supervision, each a commendable monument to him as well as to the profession which embraces him. He has had many other important architectural commissions of public, institutional and private character.

Though not connected with politics, he recently was appointed a Colonel by Brother Ruby Laffoon, Governor of the State of Kentucky. In the community where he lives, he has been a leading participant in every movement for public good and in many instances his opinion and advice have been requested by other communities.

Soon after the United States entered the World War, he entered the service at Ft. Thomas, Kentucky, and after six weeks' training period at Camp Forrest, Ga., was sent to France, where he served at the front in the Vosges, St. Mihiel and

Argonne sectors. His interest in military affairs did not wane after hostilities ceased, as is evidenced by his active participation in the Reserve Officers Corps, in which he holds a commission as a Captain of Engineers.

In 1920, he united in marriage with Miss Hannah Woodburn, the daughter of George A. and Susan Grace Quinn Woodburn, of Dayton, Kentucky. Three daughters have blessed this union, adding great happiness to their married life. Her love and devotion have been an inspiration to him in attaining material success and achievement in all his undertakings.

He has been an active member of the Baptist Church for twenty-five years, devoting much time and thought to his spiritual welfare, proving the integrity and sincerity of the man.

He was made an Entered Apprentice in Henry Barnes Lodge No. 607, Dayton, Ky., February 26, 1918, passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft, April 2, 1918, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, April 30, 1918. Was elected and installed Worshipful Master of Henry Barnes Lodge, December 28, 1926, reelected for a second term and served until January 15, 1929, being Master of his lodge when elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. During his two terms as Master, Henry Barnes Lodge prospered and to the satisfaction of the brethren became one of the best known lodges in the state. Under his supervision a famous degree team was born, the work of which has stimulated the Craft throughout Kentucky. It was his pleasure and privilege, while Master of his lodge, to confer the Master Mason degree on his father and youngest brother, the latter receiving the degree before the Grand Lodge delegates in Louisville. He had the distinction of conferring the same degree, assisted by this famous team, before what is conceded to have been the largest gathering of Master Masons ever assembled in one audience to witness this degree, in the largest and most elaborate Masonic Temple in the world, at Detroit, Michigan.

He was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in October, 1928, and was regularly advanced until October, 1931, when he was elected its Most Worshipful Grand Master, just thirteen years after he became a Mason.

When elected to serve as Grand Master, he was a director in a bank; vice-president of a Loan and Building Association; president of the Masonic Temple Association and senior trustee of Henry Barnes Lodge and its only honorary life member; vice-president of the Past Masters Society of Cincinnati; a member of the executive committee of the Past Masters Society of Northern Kentucky; Associate Bethel Guardian and only honorary life member of Bethel No. 2, Order of Job's Daughters, Dayton, Kentucky; Associate Grand Guardian of Kentucky, Order of Job's Daughters; an officer of Indra Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Covington; High Priest of Temple Chapter No. 172, Royal Arch Masons; president of the Civitan Club of Cincinnati; a member of the Reserve Officers Association, The Izaak Walton League, Boone Lake Club, the Aquatic Club and the Kentucky Architects Association. These activities are striking examples of the energy and enthusiasm which constitute his make-up.

He has the distinction of being a charter member of Temple Chapter No. 172, Royal Arch Masons, Dayton, Kentucky, where he received his Mark Masters degree January 3, 1923, Past and Most Excellent Master's degrees, January 10, 1923, and was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, January 18, 1923.

It was his good fortune to be the inspection candidate when created a Knight Templar in Newport Commandery No. 13, K. T., January 24, 1930.

He received the degrees from the fourth to the thirty-second in Indra Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Covington, Ky., at the Spring Reunion of 1927, and is one of the active workers of the Rite, having many important parts in the various degrees.

Notwithstanding all the honors which have come to him, he is ever attentive to the meetings of the Masonic bodies, especially his mother lodge. He is deeply interested in all their endeavors and is at all times engaged in doing his full duty in whatever direction it may be, serving on committees, performing with equal fidelity the smallest or the most important assignment, with just the same energy and enthusiasm as marked him when the honors of Masonry were still before him.

For many years it has been our pleasure and privilege to know Brother Landberg and to profit by the opportunity which this association, both fraternal and otherwise, has afforded. Our admiration for him has grown each year and we take great pride in the knowledge that this God-fearing man and peerless leader has been and is our friend. It is our earnest prayer that the Grand Architect of the Universe may long continue to use his talents of leadership.

### EXPLANATORY

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was one of the most important as well as interesting sessions that has been held within the last fifty years. The first, and perhaps most important and significant, was a reaffirmation of the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge and its unquestioned authority over subordinate lodges and their lawful duty to obey promptly and cheerfully the edicts of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. This you will discover when you read excerpts from the Grand Master's address, the report of the Committee on Our Homes, and the most admirable report of the Jurisprudence Committee, within itself a masterpiece of pure English and pleasing rhetoric, and also a real Masonic Paper of State, written by the hand of a master of English and jurisprudence.

The next of equal importance, but lacking the human element necessary to give it the proper appeal, was the chaotic financial situation in which the Grand Lodge found itself shortly after the close of the 1931 session of Grand Lodge. What action was taken by the Grand Lodge officers will be found in the reports of the two meetings held, one on the 23rd of October, 1931, and the other September 16, 1932, which precede our review. The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer are of exceptional interest, showing as they do the membership loss, and the financial status of Grand Lodge.—Ed.

### GRAND OFFICERS' MEETING

A meeting of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and representatives of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., of Kentucky, was held October 23, 1931, in the Grand Secretary's office. Those present were: E. C. Landberg, Grand Master; John L. Phillips, Deputy Grand Master; Richard Priest Dietzman, Grand Senior Warden; Hebbert Henderson, Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett, Grand Treasurer; Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, and Owen D. Thomas, Past Grand Master, representing the Grand Chapter.

The matter of reorganizing the Louisville Title Company and plans submitted to Brother Garnett, Grand Treasurer, were discussed, and on motion of Deputy Grand Master John L. Phillips, seconded by Richard Priest Dietzman, Grand Senior Warden, it was unanimously agreed to leave the matter to the Grand Treasurer and Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge for their consideration.

The Grand Treasurer brought up the matter of bonds for the protection of funds on deposit in the bank under his care,

the average daily balance being about \$25.000. It was unanimously agreed that bond should be taken for this amount.

The meeting adjourned.

FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary.

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On September 16, 1932, the Grand Treasurer called a meeting of the Grand Officers in the office of Past Grand Master R. Frank Peak, to consider whether the Grand Lodge should go into the new Louisville Title Company and file its bonds with them. The following officers were present: Brothers John L. Phillips, Deputy Grand Master; Richard Priest Dietzman, Grand Senior Warden; Hebbert Henderson, Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett, Grand Treasurer; Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary; Past Grand Master R. F. Peak, who had been requested to look into the matter by the Grand Treasurer, and John S. Akers, Treasurer of the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home.

After much discussion, no definite plan was decided upon. Brother Past Grand Master Peak was to continue his investigation. It was rather the opinion of the majority that we should not deposit our bonds with the new company.

The meeting adjourned.

FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary.

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## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1932

### MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, was called to order at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, October 18, 1932, in the Shubert Building, Fourth and Chestnut Streets, Louisville, Kentucky, by Most Worshipful Grand Master Edwin C. Landberg presiding, and with the following Grand Officers present and in their respective stations:

John L. Phillips .....	Deputy Grand Master
Richard Priest Dietzman .....	Grand Senior Warden
Hebbert Henderson .....	Grand Junior Warden
James Garnett .....	Grand Treasurer
Fred W. Hardwick .....	Grand Secretary
Alex M. Woodruff .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Rt. Rev. R. D. Harding .....	Grand Chaplain
Walter B. Meagher .....	Grand Senior Deacon
Fred A. Kratch .....	Grand Junior Deacon
J. Mason Howk .....	Grand Marshal

A. H. LeRoy .....	Grand Sword Bearer
Hugh S. Young .....	Grand Pursuivant
W. H. Hawes .....	Grand Tiler
W. A. Guthrie .....	Grand Lecturer

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form on the Master Mason degree with prayer by the Rt. Rev. R. D. Harding, Grand Chaplain.

Brother Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That as the minutes of our regular annual communication for the year 1931 have been published and delivered to those entitled to them, that they be and are now approved."

Which resolution was duly seconded and adopted.

Twenty-two of the twenty-eight living past grand masters were present. One hundred and nineteen past masters were registered in the Grand Secretary's office and 528 lodges were represented.

#### GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Most Worshipful Grand Master Edwin C. Landberg made his address to the Grand Lodge with Deputy Grand Master John L. Phillips in the chair and presiding. He spoke in part as follows:

"In reviewing the events of the past year, and in your consideration of the recommendations which I have embodied in this report, as I believe for the good of the Order, as well as any other plans which may be submitted for the future, may I suggest that you give them deep and serious consideration with minds and hearts actuated by an earnest desire to further the great cause in which we are united. Masonry, like all other institutions, is subject to ills arising from unusual conditions and it is our high privilege to exert our utmost thought and endeavor that the great heritage we have received from our brethren may be transmitted unimpaired to those generations which are to follow. None of us have ever done all that we might nor will any of us ever lack opportunity to do more."

He spoke feelingly of the deaths of Past Grand Masters Thomas S. Pettit and Owen D. Thomas.

#### INSTALLATION OF GRAND SECRETARY

On the evening of January 12, 1932, at Henry Barnes Lodge No. 607, F. & A. M., Dayton, Kentucky, assisted by the Worshipful Grand Marshal, J. Mason Hawk, the Most Worshipful Grand Master installed Brother Fred W. Hardwick as Grand Secretary Grand Senior Deacon, Walter B. Meagher, and the Worshipful of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

On that occasion, there were present the Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, Richard Priest Dietzman; the Right Reverend Grand Chaplain, R. D. Harding; the Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon, Walter B. Meagher; the Worshipful Grand Marshal, J. Mason Howk; the Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer, A. H. LeRoy, and a large number of officers and members of the Northern Kentucky Lodge.

On the same evening, he installed the officers of Henry Barnes Lodge No. 607 for the ensuing year.

#### EMERGENCY MEETING

A called meeting of Grand Officers and representatives of the Grand Chapter on October 23, 1931, at which the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, representing the Grand Lodge, and Owen D. Thomas, Past Grand Master, representing the Grand Chapter, were present.

At this meeting, the matter of reorganization of the Louisville Title Company and the plan submitted through the Grand Treasurer were discussed and on motion of John L. Phillips, Deputy Grand Master, duly seconded by Richard Priest Dietzman, Grand Senior Warden, it was unanimously agreed to submit the matter to the Grand Treasurer and Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge for their consideration.

The Grand Treasurer brought up the matter of bond for the protection of funds deposited in the bank under his care. Upon his statement that the average daily balance would be in the neighborhood of \$25,000, it was unanimously agreed to require to that amount from such depository as the Grand Treasurer might designate.

On October 24th, the Grand Treasurer requested the Grand Master's decision on the proposal as submitted by the Citizens Union National Bank, wherein they agreed to furnish a depositors' bond in the amount of \$25,000, the premium on the bond to be paid by the bank, or as an alternative, to pay to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky the sum of 1.35% on daily balances. As it was the unanimous opinion of the Grand Officers at the special meeting held on October 23rd that the matter of safety of Grand Lodge funds was of greater importance than the small interest obtainable, he agreed with the Grand Treasurer's recommendation that they accept the bond as proffered by the bank in lieu of the interest, and did so advise him on October 27th.

During the year, four lodges surrendered their charters, three charters were arrested, and eight lodges consolidated.

Grand Master Landberg reported to Grand Lodge that the Grand Treasurer reported to him he had turned over the \$55,000

to the Educational Trustees as directed by resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge the previous year.

During the year, the Grand Master visited 168 lodges.

In speaking of the dedication of Masonic Temple erected by Washington Meredith Lodge No. 355, he said:

"On March 10th, in company with Deputy Grand Master John L. Phillips, Grand Senior Warden Richard Priest Dietzman, Grand Junior Warden Hebbert Henderson, Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick, Past Grand Master and now Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite John H. Cowles, the Grand Master journeyed to Brownsville in Edmonson County and there dedicated the magnificent new temple erected by Washington Meredith Lodge No. 355, the erection of which has been made possible by the munificence of a now deceased member of that lodge and after whom the lodge has been named.

"This exemplary man and Mason has left, not only a monument of brick and stone but, what is more lasting, a living, vibrant memory of his sterling qualities and genuine Masonic character in the community where he had his being. He truly Lived Respected and Died Regretted."

Speaking of the dedication of the Scottish Rite Temple, he said:

"On Saturday, November 14, 1931, it was my privilege to attend the dedication of the new magnificent and beautifully appointed Scottish Rite Temple at the corner of Brook and Gray Streets, Louisville, Kentucky."

On this occasion, there were present all the presiding officers of the recognized Grand Masonic Bodies of Kentucky and the dedication was made by Past Grand Master John H. Cowles, the present Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and Inspector General in Kentucky, assisted by the presiding officers of the various bodies of Grand Consistory, Valley of Louisville.

"This was indeed a beautiful ceremony and the Grand Master regrets that space does not permit the inclusion herein of the splendid address of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

"Following the dedication, an elaborate banquet was held in conjunction with an interesting and instructive program."

Of the Home School graduation exercises, the Grand Master spoke as follows:

"Through the courtesy of the Superintendent of the Widows and Orphans' Home, it was my privilege to be present at the commencement exercises, held May 27th, in the auditorium of the Home School.

"It was indeed an inspiration to see this fine class, consisting of forty-two young men and women, the largest class the school has ever graduated, and to have a part in distributing the numer-

ous awards which are presented each year as evidence of scholarly attainments and the faithful discharge of all duties and obligations.

"On this occasion, Miss Opal Baugh, the Worthy Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star, personally presented to your Grand Master a check for \$500.00, which was the fourth payment on the \$2,000.00 pledge made to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home by the Order of the Eastern Star. It was indeed a pleasure to express to her on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky the appreciation of this Grand Body for the generosity and love of our wards which prompted this splendid gift."

Speaking of our Homes, he said:

"I am indeed pleased to state to this Grand Lodge that our Homes are in capable hands. It has been my privilege to visit both Homes on numerous occasions during this year and I feel that much credit is due the Superintendent and Matron in each of the Homes, for the ability they have displayed and for the very great desire they have to perform the duties incumbent upon them in a truly Masonic manner. In addition to the well-being of the inmates, we can be grateful for the physical condition of both institutions.

"I am happy to also report that a number of much-needed improvements have been made at the Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville. The recommendations for the same had been made some two years ago but the matter was deferred at that time to lack of funds with which to proceed. As several of the items were of a nature calculated to protect the health and safety of the inmates, such as fire escapes, plumbing, wiring, etc., your Grand Master insisted at each meeting of the Board that immediate steps be taken to correct the conditions, even though it be necessary to resort to the use of borrowed funds. In view of this insistence, the Board of Directors finally proceeded with the work as recommended by the Special Committee and which consisted of erecting three fire escapes, the replacing of the plumbing throughout the building in a safe and sanitary condition and the installation of additional plumbing fixtures where needed, the renovation of the electric wiring where most necessary and the installation of new lighting fixtures in all rooms, the rejuvenation of the kitchen with more modern equipment and a more efficient layout and the installation of an electrically operated refrigerator, and a three-compartment cold-storage room in the basement.

"All of the above was carried out under the personal supervision of the Grand Master, acting for and with the consent of the Board of Directors. When the work was completed, it was necessary to borrow the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Citizens Bank of Shelbyville for which sum the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky

executed a note on March 26, 1932, due sixty days after date. Because of the insistence of the bank for payment, the Grand Treasurer purchased the note and placed the same in the investment account of the Grand Lodge. I now recommend that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky order this note cancelled, receiving in payment therefor one hundred and one life membership certificates of the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky of the par value of \$50.00 each."

The Grand Master ruled that if a member had not paid his pledge to the Million Dollar Fund he was not entitled to demit. (See pages 54 and 55 of 1932 Proceedings.)

#### PROTESTS

The Grand Master received protests the latter part of the year from several lodges, located in Jefferson County, namely: Lewis Lodge No. 191, Preston Lodge No. 281, and Louisville Lodge No. 400, concerning the activities of an organization known as the "Blue Lodges Round Table of Jefferson County."

The lodges named had adopted resolutions condemning certain activities of the Round Table Association and calling on the Grand Master to put an end to the practices which it was contended had trespassed on the rights and prerogatives of the subordinate lodges in the county above referred to.

A part of the Grand Master's address, in regard to the Round Table Association, reads as follows:

"As the original conception of this organization was the promotion of good fellowship and a closer relationship between the local lodges, the Grand Master felt that very probably overzealousness and not wrong intent was the root of the trouble. However, he was also of the opinion that the lodges protesting were right in their contentions, and he therefore addressed the Round Table as follows, and sent copies of the same and his later letter of October 4th to the subordinate lodges of Jefferson County:

September 23, 1932.

Mr. H. W. Boyer, Secretary

Blue Lodges Round Table of Jefferson County,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Sir and Brother:

The Grand Master is in receipt of resolutions adopted by several Louisville lodges, wherein certain activities of the Round Table Association are protested on the ground of usurpation of privileges, powers and functions which are specifically vested in the subordinate lodges and the Grand Lodge, and which they contend will, if permitted to continue, result in confusion, dissension and resentment in the Blue Lodges of Jefferson County.

The Grand Master has been heartily in favor of the high purpose which apparently actuated the formation of your society and is of the opinion much good could be derived through the observance of the purpose of the association as stated in Article Two of the Constitution and By-Laws adopted at its founding.

However, the Grand Master is also of the opinion that the lodges protesting are right in their contention that the matters referred to in their resolutions should be handled through the chartered lodges in your community and he must, therefore, notify the Round Table Association to discontinue the practices objected to and insist that the association limit itself to the ideals which were the reason for its organization, namely, the fostering of fellowship and Masonic education.

Fraternally thine,  
E. C. Landberg,  
Grand Master.

October 1, 1932.

Mr. E. C. Landberg,  
Grand Master Grand Lodge of Kentucky,  
114 Garfield Place,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your communication of September 23, 1932, addressed to Brother David Zeiser, in reference to resolutions you had received from several Louisville lodges in regard to the action taken by the Blue Lodges Round Table Association of Jefferson County upon matters which had been taken up by the association, was read at our meeting September 29, 1932.

After carefully considering your communication, the association has instructed me to write to you asking for a copy of the resolutions from the respective lodges so they will know definitely what the resolutions contain and then we would be able to see more clearly what usurpation of privileges had been transgressed by the Round Table.

If it is in your power to grant this request, I would greatly appreciate if same could be mailed me at your earliest convenience, as intend to hold a called meeting at an early date.

Wishing you continued success as Grand Master and extending to you an invitation to meet with the association at any time, I remain,

Fraternally thine,  
Blue Lodges Round Table Association of Jefferson Co.,  
H. W. Boyer, Secretary,  
938 Keswick Blvd.

October 4, 1934.

Mr. H. W. Boyer, Secretary

Blue Lodges Round Table Association of Jefferson County,  
938 Keswick Blvd.,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your communication of October 1st, with respect to the recent notice sent you concerning the protested activities of the Round Table Association.

I note your request for a copy of the resolutions received from the respective lodges who have entered the protests and I sincerely regret not being able to furnish you with copies of these resolutions as it must be obvious that these are matters which concern the administration of affairs of the Grand Lodge and are its property and as your association is not a recognized Masonic body I do not feel that I have the right to present the same to any but the Grand Lodge when it convenes the third week of October.

For reasons above stated it must be perfectly obvious also that the Grand Master cannot enter into a controversy with your organization and must again insist that it remain within the proper bounds in its deliberations. He feels further that the matters which have been placed in protest must be well known to the members of the Round Table Association as the individual members of the said organization are members of the subordinate Blue Lodges of Jefferson County.

Fraternally thine,  
E. C. Landberg,  
Grand Master.

"Your Grand Master was of the opinion the association would respect the constituted authorities of this Grand Lodge and the matter would be harmoniously concluded, but such is evidently not the case.

"I have since been informed by the Grand Secretary that the Round Table Association has called a mass meeting for Monday night, October 17, to which the delegates of this convention of the Grand Lodge are to be invited. This, it is alleged, is for the purpose of presenting the protested matters to these delegates and which should and will come up at this session of the Grand Lodge through the regular channels as provided by the Grand Lodge.

"It is further contended the association has adopted additional resolutions to be sent to all the lodges of Jefferson County asking the said lodges to indorse their actions. This has now been construed as a flagrant case of willful insubordination on the part of the members of an organization which has no Masonic standing (as an organization) at the bar of this

Grand Lodge and this possibly explains their seeming disregard of the Grand Master's orders and their insistence in continuing in a policy which is objected to by some of their own members. This attitude, I am informed, has caused the resignation of some of the lodges who were members of the Round Table and who, very properly, would not subscribe to such practices and they feel the matter has now become serious indeed as such action on the part of a chartered lodge would be sufficient cause for the arrest of its charter. These lodges can rightfully feel that the disregard of the orders of the executive head of the Grand Lodge constitutes a condition bordering on a challenge of the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky."

In conclusion, the Grand Master said:

"The year is ended and the record awaits your deliberations. As we look back over the past year, we find many hopes unrealized. Yet this may be just as well. We still have much to be thankful for. To have been privileged to serve, to have the great opportunity which is ours to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection and contribute something toward the great goal for which we strive, that of the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God, is of greater importance than the material things we so often place in premier places. Let us rededicate ourselves to a renewal of those principles that have been for so many centuries the object of true Masonic endeavor. Only by the grace of God, our own endeavors and by means of a virtuous education can we be fashioned into the Perfect Ashlar."

#### GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Brother James Garnett, Grand Treasurer and chairman of the Building Committee of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, filed his report as such respectively, and the same upon his motion, duly seconded, was referred to the Finance Committee.

His introductory remarks were as follows:

"I submit herewith an itemized statement of the receipts and disbursements of funds belonging to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which came to my hands from October 1, 1931, to October 1, 1932. This statement shows that I had on hand October 1, 1932, the sum of \$107,970.24. Out of this balance, together with other money which has come into my hands since October 1, will be paid the balance of assessment due the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky, subscriptions to the Masonic Home Journal, the payments due the endowment fund of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, the expenses of this Grand Lodge and the expenses which will accumulate during the remainder of this year. In view of the fact that the appropriations made by this Grand Lodge will

determine the amount of expense for the incoming year, I cannot at this time tell what surplus, if any, will remain in my hands. However, if this Grand Lodge does not make any appropriations other than the usual and ordinary appropriations made by the Grand Lodge, we will have sufficient money to meet the expenses during the incoming year.

"You will also find an itemized list of all the securities held by me for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky under the title of 'Educational Fund.' This list gives the name of the security, its number and the par value thereof, the total being \$194,324.79. On the market some of these securities are selling at more than par while others are selling below par. I have submitted the list of securities to and asked the opinion of a gentleman whom I regard as highly competent to pass upon their value and have a letter from him in which he says:

"I have looked over the list of bonds in the Educational Fund held by you as Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky, and I feel that you have chosen a splendid list of high-grade issues. The railroad bonds are temporarily depressed considerably, but the ones included in the list can certainly be considered as highest grade."

"This letter will be handed to the Finance Committee for their consideration.

"In the list of securities you will find \$13,000 of Louisville Title Company bonds, the value of which is problematical. These bonds are secured by mortgage on real estate and the payments are guaranteed by the Louisville Title Company, which corporation went into the hands of a receiver more than a year ago. At the last session of the Grand Lodge, I was authorized to, with the approval and consent of the Finance Committee, deposit these bonds with the Reorganization Committee. I had a conference with the Finance Committee at which time we carefully went over the plan of reorganization and found certain objections thereto which we made known to those who were promoting the reorganization. Some of the objections so made were eliminated, but we found the Title Company had handled the funds applicable to some of the issues of the bonds held by the Grand Lodge in such manner as made it quite doubtful whether the Grand Lodge should deposit the bonds or undertake to liquidate them independent of the Reorganization Committee. On account of the complicated legal questions involved, I employed Past Grand Master Judge R. F. Peak as attorney, to represent the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in connection with the collection of these bonds, and so advised the Finance Committee and the Finance Committee agreed that I should follow the advice given by Judge Peak. Judge Peak, as you know, is a leading lawyer,

competent and fully capable of representing the Grand Lodge in complicated legal matters.

"After Judge Peak had gone into the matter thoroughly, he advised that the Grand Lodge should not deposit its bonds with the Reorganization Committee but that each bond should stand on its merits and be liquidated by, through and under the directions of the owner. There are many complicated legal questions to be determined before we will know just what part of the assets of the old Title Company will be available for the payment of our bonds.

"On the recommendations of the Finance Committee (see 1931 Proceedings, page 110), you gave me the following directions:

"In lieu of the custom of the Grand Lodge in making an annual appropriation to the Educational Trustees to enable them to carry on their work of giving vocational training to boys and girls leaving the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, we recommend that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky authorize and direct the Grand Treasurer to transfer and turn over to said Trustees securities and cash of the aggregate market value at the time of \$55,000.00, and that the same, or so much thereof as may be found necessary be expended by said Trustees in the prosecution of their efforts to so train said boys and girls to the end that they may become self supporting, said sum to be in full of all other appropriations of the Grand Lodge for said purpose for a period of five years. However, if said sum of \$55,000.00, together with its accrued interest when wisely expended be found insufficient for the purpose aforesaid, said Trustees may at the end of four years from this date apply to the Grand Lodge for a supplemental appropriation for said purpose. We further recommend that the custom of said Trustees and of the Treasurer therefor of submitting annual reports hereunder to the Grand Lodge be continued, and that upon final expenditure of said sum of \$55,000.00 and the interest collected thereon for the purpose aforesaid, that the said Trustees file a complete report to the Grand Lodge showing the name and address of each pupil, the character of vocational training given and the term thereof and the amount expended on each pupil, and where practical how then employed and at what salary, together with such other information as will enable the Grand Lodge to determine whether further appropriations should be made to the Educational Trustees."

"In obedience to the foregoing directions and in obedience to the order of the Educational Trustees, I delivered to John T. Graves, Treasurer of the Educational Trustees, the following securities and cash aggregating the sum of \$55,000.00:

October 17, 1931, Check for .....	\$13,060.00
November 9, 1931, Check for .....	10,000.00
January 12, 1932, Check for .....	6,000.00
January 12, 1932, Check for .....	847.70
15 U. S. Liberty Bonds @ 101 .....	15,150.00
Accrued Interest to November 1, 1931 .....	293.96
5 La. Pr. & Lt. Co. Bonds @ 91.50 .....	4,575.00
Accrued Interest to November 1, 1931 .....	104.17
5 Public Service Bonds @ 101 .....	5,050.00
Less 1 month's interest col. by Gr. Treas. ....	20.83
 Total Appropriation .....	 \$55,000.00

"Which diminished the educational or investment fund to that extent.

"The Grand Master by virtue of his office is a member of the Board of Directors of the Old Masons' Home. He is also one of the leading architects of the south, and while attending meetings of the Board of Directors he found there were certain necessary repairs needed and offered the board, free of charge, his services as architect in making the repairs. His generous offer was accepted, the improvements were made and it became necessary for the Old Masons' Home to, and it did, borrow from the Citizens Bank of Shelbyville, the sum of \$5,000.00, executing its note dated March 26, 1932. When this note became due the bank insisted on payment but the Old Masons' Home was unable to meet same. On August 30, 1932, I bought the note with its accumulated interest for \$5,080.83, placing same in the investment fund."

A recapitulation of the receipts and disbursements showed the following results:

Balance as shown by last statement .....	\$100,449.18
Receipts .....	135,747.35
 Total .....	 \$286,196.53
Disbursements .....	178,226.29
 Balance .....	 \$107,970.24

He made the following recommendations:

1. "The Grand Master has recommended that the \$5,000.00 note executed by the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky to the Citizens Bank of Shelbyville, which note is now owned by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, be cancelled in consideration of the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky executing and delivering to the Grand Lodge life membership certificates therefor. I concur in this recommendation and suggest that, while the note together with accumulated interest will aggregate something in excess of \$6,000.00, I be directed to cancel and surrender this

note upon issue and delivery to the Grand Secretary one hundred and twenty (120) life membership certificates at \$50.00 each, which will give to the Grand Lodge one hundred and twenty additional votes in the election of directors of the Old Masons' Home.

2. "That the \$5,000.00 of Louisville Title Company bonds now in the Cowles Benevolent Fund be transferred in exchange for \$5,000.00 of bonds in the Educational Fund.

3. "That my action in employing Judge R. F. Peak in connection with the handling of the Louisville Title Company bonds be approved.

4. "The balance of the Building Fund is deposited in the Liberty Bank & Trust Company; other funds of the Grand Lodge are on deposit with the Citizens Union National Bank, and Louisville Trust Company, and I recommend that you designate the Citizens Union National Bank, Liberty Bank & Trust Company, Louisville Trust Company and the First National Bank as depositories for the funds of the Grand Lodge, giving the Grand Treasurer power to select such one or ones as he may think best."

#### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Brother Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, made his report, which, upon his motion, duly seconded, was referred to the Finance Committee. He prefaced his report thusly:

"I herewith submit my tenth annual report as your Grand Secretary, for the year ending September 30, 1932.

"It is regrettable that the losses this year are the largest we have ever sustained. I trust that the lodges have reached the end of their suspensions for non-payment of dues in large numbers and from now on our reports will be more favorable."

His report showed:

Number of lodges reported October 1, 1931 .....	575
No new lodges instituted.	
Charters surrendered, Nos. 406, 695, 705, and 846 .....	4
Charters arrested, Nos. 752, 857, 921 .....	3
Lodges consolidated, Nos.	
304 and 354	
651 and 898	
676 and 892	
423 and 648 .....	4
Lost .....	11
Total number of lodges October 1, 1932 .....	564
Members per returns, as of August 31, 1931 .....	58,467

Members initiated since last returns .....	704
Members admitted since last returns .....	407
Members reinstated since last returns .....	320
	1,431
Members expelled since last returns .....	16
Members demitted since last returns .....	461
Members suspended since last returns .....	5,254
Members died since last returns .....	789
	6,520
Apparent loss .....	5,089
Present membership, as shown by returns received .....	53,378
Free members .....	840

He reported six lodges having suffered the loss of charters by fire; four as having surrendered their charters; three as having their charters arrested. There were four consolidations.

Speaking of the Million Dollar Fund, the Grand Secretary said:

"The Grand Master assisted me in every way to endeavor to make collections on this fund during his term of office, but owing to the condition of business we were only able to collect during the year \$2,415.25. The expenses were \$2,095.00. The total amount unpaid on 1,994 subscriptions is \$58,074.40.

"We have used every method that we know of to collect the notes long past due and believe that it will be impossible, unless the matter is carried into the civil courts or through the lodges, to make further collections."

The following communication from J. C. Morris, Superintendent of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, was received and read to the Grand Lodge:

October 18, 1932.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, Members and Guests of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky:

The Board of Directors and every member of our family invite each and every one of you to be present at the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home this afternoon at two o'clock sharp to witness an hour and a half's entertainment that we have arranged for your approval. I believe that Brother Hardwick has made arrangements for transportation for the delegates and we sincerely hope that every one of you will find it possible to be present.

J. C. Morris, Superintendent.

Brother Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, announced that busses would be at the front door of the building at 1:15 p. m.,

for the purpose of conveying such brethren as desire to attend the entertainment by the children of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, at two o'clock p. m.

The Committee on Necrology by Brother J. W. Ireland, chairman, made a report, and the same upon motion, duly seconded, was adopted by a rising vote of the Grand Lodge.

After prayer by the Rt. Rev. Grand Chaplain Brother R. D. Harding, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock the next morning.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1932

### MORNING SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at nine o'clock a. m. by the Most Worshipful Grand Master E. C. Landberg, and prayer was offered by the Rt. Rev. Brother R. D. Harding, Grand Chaplain.

The following telegram was received from the Grand Master of Connecticut:

"W. M. Edwin C. Landberg,  
Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M.,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

Fraternal greetings and best wishes from forty-six thousand Masons of Connecticut.

Sherwood H. Raymond, Grand Master."

To which the Grand Secretary was directed to suitably respond.

Brother Chas. Pommering, chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, made the report for that committee, and upon his motion, duly seconded, same was adopted.

The roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions was called and said Representatives were received and welcomed with Grand Honors.

The Committee on Credentials by Brother Thos. J. Dunn, one of its members, made a report, and the same on his motion, duly seconded, was adopted.

The Educational Trustees by C. A. McMillan, chairman, made a report, and the same, upon his motion, duly seconded, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Past Grand Master G. Allison Holland offered the following resolution:

"Whereas, Many requests are made annually to the Grand Secretary for information as to whether certain men are, or have been, Masons in this jurisdiction, and as the records now stand, it is impossible to give this information without a search through the returns of the lodges, and this cannot be done in many

cases because it is not known in what lodge jurisdiction the party may have resided, therefore, in order to rectify this,

"Be it Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to install a Card System of the entire membership in the State, giving the name of the member and number and name of the lodge on forms, which, in his judgment, may be best suited for the purpose."

And upon his motion, duly seconded, same was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Brother John H. Cowles, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction of the A. A. S. R. and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, at the request of the Grand Master, delivered an interesting and instructive address to the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Private Honors were accorded him by the Grand Lodge.

A resolution recommending recognition of twenty-one foreign Grand Lodges was adopted.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. made their report, and the same upon motion, duly seconded, was adopted.

The following telegram from the Grand Master of Illinois was received and read to the Grand Lodge as follows:

Danville, Ill., October 19, 1932.

E. C. Landberg, Grand Master,  
Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M.,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

I want to extend the greetings of the entire membership of the Grand Lodge of Illinois to you and your Grand Body. May you have a most successful meeting. Regret my inability to visit with you.

G. Haven Stephens,  
Grand Master of Illinois

To which the Grand Secretary was directed to suitably respond.

The Grand Secretary was directed to send suitable telegrams to the Grand Masters of Connecticut and Illinois, and also to Past Grand Masters Brothers W. W. Clarke and Jno G. Orndorff, and also to Brothers D. B. Shackelford and E. C. Sellers.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The hour of eleven having arrived, the Constitutional time for holding the election, the Grand Lodge proceeded with this duty.

The following officers were elected:

John L. Phillips (691), Grand Master; Richard Priest Dietzman (760), Deputy Grand Master; Hebbert Henderson (437), Grand Senior Warden; Hugh Moore (28), Grand Junior Warden;

James Garnett (96), Grand Treasurer; Fred W. Hardwick (400), Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer, Brother James Garnett, offered the following resolution:

"Whereas, It requires considerable time for the Grand Treasurer to pay representatives their mileage and per diem, and in order to give sufficient time without interfering with the activities of this Grand Lodge; be it

"Resolved, That when the 1932 session of the Grand Lodge adjourns on Thursday, October 20, the adjournment will be sine die, and the Grand Treasurer is directed to begin at 12 o'clock on October 19, 1932, and pay the representatives and others in attendance on this Grand Lodge who are entitled to mileage and per diem, the three day's attendance and mileage, as provided by the laws of this Grand Lodge."

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Work by S. P. Alderson, the chairman, made its report and moved its adoption. Past Grand Master Hanson Peterson offered as a substitute for said report the following:

"That the matter be referred to a Special Committee, to serve without pay and who are ritualists, to prepare and present to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge a plan by which we can arrive at uniformity of work, be that written, by word of mouth, or by ritual, as they may report."

And the question being taken upon the adoption of said substitute, the same was adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 1:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 1:30 p. m., prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain.

Brother John M. Cochran, chairman of the Committee on Our Homes, made the report for this committee and moved its adoption. The report read, in part, as follows:

"The Committee on Homes regrets very much the length of its report, but there is so much to be said in criticism, and in praise, and this will, perhaps, be the only chance we will ever have to express ourselves on this subject, that we feel compelled to take much of your time.

"About the middle of July of this year, written and signed charges were filed with the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary by certain discharged, dissatisfied and disgruntled employees complaining of certain acts of the Superintendent, the Matron, the nurse, the book-keeper and certain house matrons. These charges were referred

by the Board of Directors to the Executive Committee thereof with instructions to find out their truth or falsity. Before taking up these charges, our committee wants to make some statements in the light of which these charges must be settled.

"Certain changes in the method of running the Home, which have taken place in the past two years and are brought out in evidence, must be taken into consideration since they are, in a measure, the real underlying causes of the charges being made.

"Before coming to the actual charges and our disposition of them, we desire to present these changes. When the Board built the new Home at St. Matthews it had certain changes and ideals in mind. The old Home was crowded. Out at St. Matthews there was plenty of room. The ideal for which the Board is striving and the end which it hopes to attain is this: To furnish to each child, shelter, food, clothing and an education under conditions as nearly like home as it is possible for such an institution as this to do. To furnish each child a playground, an individual to whom they can bring their problems, and to create a religious atmosphere so that each child will leave its walls with a knowledge of God and the right way of living and that they will be better fitted to fight life's battles. In other words, to rear these children as normal children should be reared in the home of any one of us. To reach this ideal, certain changes had to be made.

"Perhaps the greatest single advance towards the ideal set by the Board of Directors is the change from an Institutional to an Educational classification. It is our understanding that the Home is now classed as a Normal School. This has been accomplished by the principal of the school, Miss Ford, and the Superintendent, Brother Morris, working in harmony to that end. Grades were always given for work in school. But not until 1931 were grades given for vocational work. The older boys and girls were always required to work in the print shop, the carpenter shop, the shoe shop, the laundry, the infirmary, the boiler plant and the sewing-room, the barber shop, the garden. This was a task they always had to do. It was a task. This has been changed. Grades are now given for the work done in these places and the children no longer look on them as unpleasant tasks that must be performed. It is now a study and grades are given. Greater interest is manifested in the work. Better jobs are turned out. All of this has helped the morale of the children. It has been found out that if a child does not do good work in one department he might in another, so if report cards turn up with poor grades, a shift is made and the child tries something else. There is a backward room in school called the Opportunity Room and in here a child that cannot keep up with regular classes receives special instruction. The result of all this

is that children go out of the Home ready to carry on in other schools right where they left off at the Home. Miss Ford and Brother Morris are to be congratulated for this.

"Under the supervision of Miss White, the nurse, and with the assistance of Mrs. Gaskill, the bookkeeper, a complete card index of the health record of every individual domiciled in the Home has been made. This is of great importance. Due to the installation of the system, tuberculosis was discovered and cured, trachoma was found and cured; tonsils were removed; smallpox vaccinations given; glasses fitted, and many other physical imperfections and ailments found and either greatly benefited or cured. This card system has been installed without extra cost to the Home by two devoted women working with loving hands to help those whom we have placed in their charge, and yet a man, who has since repudiated the charge in full, had the audacity to make a charge against them.

"We are, therefore, of the opinion that the charges are not well founded; are not supported by the evidence—that Brother Morris and his associates are not proven guilty, but, on the contrary, the evidence proves beyond all question that Brother Morris and his associates are doing a big job in a big way and that they merit the continued support of this Grand Lodge.

"We wish to state that we have earnestly solicited evidence from other sources than those who bring the written charges that Brother Morris and his associates were guilty of misconduct. Up to now we have heard nothing.

"We condemn those individuals and organizations that bring trivial charges against employees of the Home based on statements made by discharged employees. Charges of this nature not only upset the morale of those institutions, but it causes the expenditures of large sums of money to prove them true or false and diverts this money from its proper channels, namely, to provide food, shelter, clothes and an education for those whom we have undertaken to care for."

#### RESOLUTION OF BOARD

"Whereas, The Executive Committee, under the orders of this Board, have spent a great amount of time in taking proof relative to the charges preferred against the Superintendent, James C. Morris; the Matron, Mrs. James C. Morris; the nurse, in charge of the Hospital, Miss White; the bookkeeper and stenographer to the Superintendent, Mrs. Gaskill, and other employees of the Home, and they have taken testimony which, when transcribed, will cover approximately one thousand pages; this testimony has been read by many of the Directors, and offered to the others, who have had an opportunity to read same.

"From the record presented to this Board of Directors, no charge made by the Round Table or by anyone else has been sustained. The record shows that under the administration of Superintendent Jas. C. Morris and his wife, the Home has improved, physical properties have been improved and are in first-class condition, the children are healthy and happy, the widows are satisfied and contented, the faculty is working in harmony, and the employees, with few exceptions, are cooperating, and the purpose of the Home, that is to develop the mental, physical and spiritual child, is being carried out to the entire satisfaction of this Board.

"The Board has by a previous resolution exonerated Miss White and Mrs. Gaskill, and put in its record statements which show that the charges made against them were without foundation. Too much could not be said in criticism of those who made and failed to sustain the charges against these young ladies.

"Therefore, Be it Resolved, By the Board of Directors, that James C. Morris, Mrs. James C. Morris, and all the employees against whom charges were preferred be and the same are here-with exonerated and are acquitted, and we commend them to the Fraternity as faithful servants of the Fraternity, who are doing a great work in building manhood and womanhood."

FRANK D. RASH,  
THOS. A. CRAWFORD,  
JOHN S. AKERS,  
T. J. ADAMS,  
W. C. GIBSON,  
JAMES GARNETT,  
ISAAC T. WOODSON,  
JOHN M. SCOTT,  
HENRY P. BARRET,  
J. T. O'NEAL,  
HEBBERT HENDERSON,  
J. L. PHILLIPS,  
LEE E. CRALLE, Pres.,  
FRED W. HARDWICK,  
RICHARD PRIEST DIETZMAN,  
HENRY VOGT,

Board of Directors.

Brother David Zeiser (750) offered the following resolution:  
"M. W. Grand Master:

I move you, sir, that the report of the Committee on Our Homes, insofar as it pertains to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, be not concurred in, and that I be given an opportunity to state my objections to this report."

The report was fully discussed by several of the representatives and the debate was closed by Brother James Garnett, who

devoted nearly an hour to the Home, and the several phases of the report. The question being taken on the adoption of the amendment, the same was lost and the report of the Committee on Our Homes was almost unanimously adopted.

The following telegram was received from the Grand Master of Ohio:

"Canton, Ohio, Oct. 19, 1932.

Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.,  
Shubert Building,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio extends Fraternal Greetings and the sincere hope for a successful gathering.

Harvey F. Ake,

Grand Master of Ohio."

To which the Grand Secretary was instructed to send a suitable response.

Past Grand Master Brother John H. Cowles offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., at its One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Session, give expression of its sincere gratitude to the George Washington Bi-Centennial Commission and its director, Brother Sol Bloom, for their generous assistance in furnishing material and suggestions which enabled our lodges to prepare programs properly and fittingly celebrating the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of our brother, George Washington; and

"That special thanks also be given them for supplying each of our constituent lodges with a fine picture of Brother Washington clothed as a Worshipful Master; and

"That this resolution be engrossed and presented to the George Washington Bi-Centennial Commission and its director, the Honorable Sol Bloom."

Which motion was seconded and adopted.

#### JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee on Jurisprudence, by Brother H. P. Barret, made their report, which upon his motion, duly seconded, was adopted by sections and as a whole.

#### AMENDMENTS

The following amendments were proposed at the last session of the Grand Lodge and as provided by the Constitution were referred to this committee:

"1. That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to pay to the Grand Master his allowance of One Thousand Dollars a year for expenses, in monthly installments, without requiring an itemized statement of such expenses.

"This involves a radical change from question of meeting incurred expenses, and puts the position of Grand Master on what amounts to a salary, and as such we recommend its disapproval.

"2. That Section 9 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be amended so that, when amended, it shall read as follows:

"Section 9. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky shall hold its annual communications in Louisville on the third Tuesday in October of each year except that the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden, or a majority of them, may change the place of meeting to some other city in Kentucky if they shall find it to the best interest of the Craft in the matter of publicity and hotel accommodations, or for any other reason, or reasons, which to such officers may appear sufficient."

"In the event of a change in the meeting place as herein provided, sixty days previous notice shall be given to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, and to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters, in order that they may so notify their organizations as to the change of meeting place.

"While the probability of invoking this clause of the Constitution is highly unlikely and quite remote, it presents a precautionary safeguard against contingencies that may possibly arise and as such may safely be adopted."

#### PROTESTS

"The Most Worshipful Grand Master refers to this committee numerous documents, and pronouncements that call for your most serious consideration. While the ground has been fairly covered by his report it would be well to briefly review a few facts of the case.

"On June 30, 1930, certain lodges in Louisville and Jefferson County organized and adopted a constitution and by-laws setting forth the purpose of their organization, and making available membership to all lodges in the above-mentioned territory, under the name, The Blue Lodges Round Table of Jefferson County. It is without dispute that the object to be attained by this organization as set forth in their constitution and by-laws were highly commendatory. Recently, it has been protested by certain lodges, formerly members of this organization, that it has departed from its purposes, has usurped powers, privileges and prerogatives inherent in the lodges themselves, and not claimed as a right in its constitution and by-laws. That its activities have become radical, discourteous and dangerous; that it asserts the privilege of sitting in judgment on the Grand

Lodge of Kentucky and subsidiary activities under its control; that expressions of courtesy against the Grand Lodge and its vested authority are freely indulged in by its members without receiving protest. This association, through its committee, filed certain serious charges alleging mismanagement and gross unmasonic conduct against the Superintendent and other employees of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home. These charges were thoroughly investigated by the Board of Directors and unanimously found to be without justification or excuse. It is a matter of some interest that with the exception of one member who was summoned by the defense, not one single member of the proponents of these charges, the Blue Lodges Round Table Association, appeared to offer one particle of evidence in substantiation of the charges. To these things and others of similar tenor, the aforementioned lodges protested to your Most Worshipful Grand Master and requested he exercise his office in the discontinuance of same.

"Being convinced of the soundness of these protests your Most Worshipful Grand Master issued an edict forbidding the continuation of these complained-of acts and mailed the letter to the Secretary of the aforementioned Round Table and caused copies of the same to be mailed to each lodge in Jefferson County. Possibly the Grand Master was somewhat in error in recognizing the aforesaid Round Table Association, but in his desire and effort for peace and harmony, he did so, believing that a communication addressed to the Round Table would, of course, reach each of its members through their accredited representatives, but in an abundance of caution he also mailed a copy of his communication to each member lodge of the association. This unfortunately was not the spirit in which it was received. A few of the subordinate lodges in a spirit of loyalty to his mandate withdrew from the association. Certain others took an entirely different view and have passed and caused to be inserted in their minutes, resolutions setting in defiance the mandate of the Grand Master, and evading the issue by demanding that the Grand Master be more definite and specify the particular acts complained of, and further manifesting their disregard by expressions of approbation and approval of the acts of the Round Table, thus utterly disregarding the edict of the Grand Master, and bringing the controversy between them and the Grand Master to a definite crisis, thereby raising the distinct and clear issue as to whether the Grand Lodge is the Sovereign and final judge of Masonic conduct.

"There can be no question but that the letters, minutes and resolutions reported to your Grand Master constitute a flagrant, emphatic act of insubordination and contumacy, a situation that must be squarely met and on which there can be no compromise.

We are of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in its sovereign capacity, and the subordinate lodges acting under its authority, constitute all the influences of symbolic Masonry this Grand Jurisdiction requires, and we recommend that the aforesaid Blue Lodges Round Table be dissolved, forbidden, and interdicted, and all lodges and Masons owing allegiance to this Grand Body, be, and are hereby, forbidden further membership or association with the aforesaid Blue Lodges Round Table Association.

"All of which is respectfully submitted,

Henry P. Barret,  
A. E. Orton,  
C. S. Rankins,

Committee on Jurisprudence."

The Committee on Appeals, by Brother Perry B. Miller, one of its members, made their report, and upon his motion, duly seconded, the same was adopted as a whole.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock the next morning.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1932

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor on the Master Mason degree on Thursday, October 20, 1932, at nine o'clock a. m., Most Worshipful Grand Master E. C. Landberg presiding, and all the Grand Officers present and in their respective stations. Prayer was offered by the Rt. Rev. Brother R. D. Harding, Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on Distinguished Visitors made a report by Brother W. M. Criss, member of the committee, and upon his motion, duly seconded, same was adopted, and read as follows:

"To the M. W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kentucky:

We, your Committee on Distinguished Visitors, make the following report:

We have not been honored at this session of the Grand Lodge by any distinguished visitors except our own Sovereign Grand Commander, Brother John H. Cowles, now residing in Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Criss,  
J. W. Hardin,

Committee."

The Committee on Masonic Emblems made a report by Brother Chester D. Adams, a member of that committee, who moved its adoption.

The Committee on Finance, by Brother D. Walter Gatlin, made a report and moved its adoption. Past Grand Master James Garnett offered an amendment to said report, striking

out the 12th section thereof, which amendment was accepted by the committee, and upon a vote of the Grand Lodge, the amendment was adopted.

On motion of Brother Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, Brother Alex M. Woodruff was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary, which appointment was approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master-elect made the following appointments:

Grand Chaplain, Rev. Chas. W. Welch, Daylight No. 760; Grand Senior Deacon, Hugh S. Young, Bell No. 691; Grand Junior Deacon, S. D. Stacy, McKee No. 144; Grand Marshal, J. M. Cochran, Maysville No. 52; Grand Sword Bearer, C. P. Henry, Highland No. 311; Grand Pursuivant, Chester A. Keslar, Newport No. 358; Grand Tiler, W. H. Hawes, Daylight No. 760; Grand Lecturer, W. A. Guthrie, Simpson Benevolent No. 177.

He also appointed the following committees:

Jurisprudence—A. E. Orton, Dawson No. 628; Chas. S. Rankins, Newport No. 358; Henry P. Barret, Jerusalem No. 9.

Appeals—Otto C. Martin, Hartford No. 675; Henderson G. Hightower, Latonia No. 746; I. B. Ross, Dougherty No. 65.

Finance—D. Walter Gatlin, Madisonville No. 143; George C. Stahel, Golden Rule No. 345; Joe H. Ewalt, Paris No. 2.

Credentials—Jno. G. Cramer, Lexington No. 1; C. B. Weller, Bell No. 691; Miles P. Murphy, Good Faith No. 95.

By-Laws—W. W. Rubel, Lebanon No. 87; S. M. Cecil, Thos. C. Cecil No. 375; G. B. Marrs, Bell No. 691.

Our Homes—John R. Yeager, Franklin No. 28; J. D. Whiteaker, Greenville No. 655; S. S. Pinney, Mt. Sterling No. 23.

Visitors—Fred Kratch, Shibboleth No. 750; S. Albert Phillips, Crab Orchard No. 636; Dwight Marshall, Jenkins No. 856.

Lodges U. D.—Jno. X. Taylor, Hopkinsville No. 37; C. P. Mayhall, Harlan No. 879; Alvin A. Ranshaw, Golden Rule No. 345.

Educational Trustees—John J. Howe, Carrollton No. 134; T. W. Pennington, Lincoln No. 60; James H. Richmond, Lewis No. 191; Chas. F. Weaver, Poage No. 325; Dr. J. W. Juett, Eminence No. 282; Jno. T. Graves, Landmark No. 41; C. A. McMillan, Paris No. 2.

Necrology—J. W. Ireland, Henry Barnes No. 607.

Other Grand Lodges—W. W. Clarke, Owensboro No. 130.

Biography—Joe H. Ewalt, Paris No. 2.

Publicity—Frank S. Moses, Louisville No. 400.

Ritual—E. C. Landberg, Henry Barnes No. 607; S. P. Alderson, Russellville No. 17; Chester D. Adams, Eminence No. 282.

On motion of Brother Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, the thanks of this Grand Lodge were extended to the press of this city for its notices and giving publicity to our meetings; also,

to Mrs. Alex M. Woodruff and Brother Fred Haupt for the beautiful flowers furnished during this session of the Grand Lodge.

The elective and appointive Grand Officers were duly installed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Landberg, with the exception of Brother S. D. Stacy, Grand Junior Deacon, and Brother Chester A. Keslar, Grand Pursuivant, who were not present to be installed, and Brother Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, who will be installed during January, 1933.

Past Grand Master James Garnett offered the following resolution:

"Whereas, Edwin C. Landberg, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, has rendered valuable, conscientious and beneficial service to the Craft during the past year, and has been courteous, prompt and efficient in the administration of his duties;

"Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, by a rising vote, express to the retiring Grand Master the appreciation of this Grand Lodge and the Masons of Kentucky for the valuable and lasting service rendered to the Craft by him."

Which resolution was duly seconded and adopted by a rising vote of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick, in a happy and felicitous address, presented Brother Edwin C. Landberg, retiring Grand Master, with a past grand master's jewel, to which presentation Brother Landberg happily responded.

Bell Lodge No. 691, by Brother Hugh Young and Mrs. Phillips, wife of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, presented beautiful flowers to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to which he responded in a nice address.

Past Grand Master Jno. H. Cowles, in a happy and pleasant address, handed to the Most Worshipful Grand Master a Masonic pin, which he was requested to present for his wife, to which the Grand Master made a touching response.

Brother J. F. May (742) offered the following resolution:

"Whereas, We, the representatives of subordinate lodges in Kentucky, feel deeply appreciative of the excellent manner our outgoing officers of the Grand Lodge, their board and their committees have handled the business of this Grand Jurisdiction of Kentucky in this time of severe world crisis; we wish to give them a rising vote of thanks."

Resolution was adopted by a rising vote of the Grand Lodge.

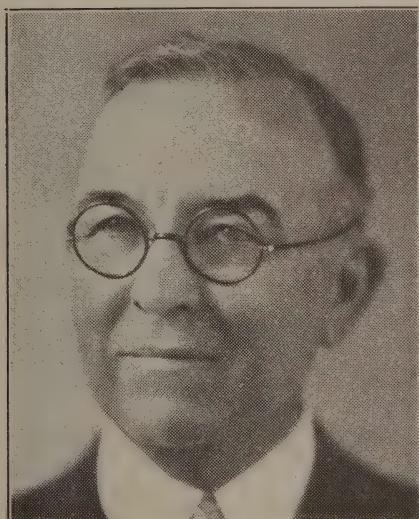
After an entertaining and instructive address by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 11:15 a. m., with prayer by the Rt. Rev. Charles W. Welch, Grand Chaplain.

JOHN L. PHILLIPS, Grand Master.  
FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary.



## ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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John L. Phillips

1933

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Born 1872

John Lionel Phillips was born in West Liberty, Morgan County, Kentucky, on October 9, 1872. His parents, Brother George W. and Josephine Kendall Phillips, were among the old established citizens of that county. His father was born in 1843 and died March 1, 1934.

Brother Phillips attended the common schools of Morgan County. Before arriving at maturity, he became so interested in education that he taught for two years, 1888 and 1889, in Rowan County on Bull Fork of Triplett and the Lower Lick Fork. That experience proved valuable, laying the groundwork for a successful business career.

In 1890, he accepted employment as clerk on a steamboat plying the Kentucky River between Beattyville and St. Helens in Lee County.

Three years later he secured a position as bookkeeper for a coal company, located at East Bernstadt in Laurel County. From there he removed to Lexington to take over the management of two coal yards, for the Diamond Coal Company, located at Altamont, Kentucky.

In 1898, he resigned as manager of these coal yards to enlist as Private in Company I, Fourth Kentucky Volunteers, for service in the Spanish-American War. Received an honorable discharge at the close of the war, locating at London in Laurel County. Securing a position with a wholesale grocery company in Louisville, he was selected to travel from London in the interest of that company. Continued with that firm for a year, then became one of the organizers of the Ouerbacker Coffee Company at Louisville, of which he has been a director since its organization.

In 1917, he assisted in the organization of The White Star Coal Company, with mines near Wilhoit, Harlan County. Two years later the Bell Grocery Company was organized by him and associates at Pineville. His next step in the organization line was The Moss Stores Company, which operate a chain of retail commissaries at various mines in Bell and Harlan Counties. These two companies are still in active operation. Brother Phillips has been president and general manager since their organization. There has been convincing proof of the wisdom in the selection of Brother Phillips as the head of these enterprises—a recognition of business acumen.

He located in Pineville in 1910, and on January 13, 1913, was united in marriage to Miss Ida Moss.

The Phillips family are adherents of Masonry. The father and three sons were "brought from darkness to light" within the tiled door of Highland Lodge No. 311 at West Liberty. The degrees were conferred on the father as follows: Entered Apprentice, March 8, 1882, Fellow Craft, April 1, 1882, and Master, April 29, 1882. He was a past master and active member of that lodge.

#### His Masonic Record

Entered Apprentice, February 25, 1899; Fellow Craft, March 25, 1899, and Master Mason, April 22, 1899, in Highland Lodge No. 311. Demitted to Bell Lodge No. 691, at Pineville, December 26, 1916; elected Master, December 27, 1922.

The Capitular degrees were conferred in London Chapter No. 103, at London. Exalted a Royal Arch Mason, July 3, 1899. Demitted to Pineville Chapter No. 158, at Pineville, December, 1912. Elected High Priest in 1918 and again in 1922.

The Cryptic degrees were conferred in London Council No. 60, at London, in 1899. Created a Knight Templar in Richmond Commandery No. 19, at Richmond, October 12, 1899. Demitted to assist in the organization of a Commandery at London, chartered in 1910 as No. 33. Then demitted to assist in the organization of a Commandery at Pineville. Dispensation was granted May 18, 1916. Charter was issued to Pineville Commandery No. 39 on May 17, 1917. Served as Eminent Commander from date the Commandery was set to work under dispensation until March 28, 1919.

The Scottish Rite degrees were conferred in the Grand Consistory of Kentucky, A. A. S. R., at Louisville, in 1910, up to and including the 32°. He was honored with the degrees of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, October 17, 1933.

Traversed the "hot sands of the Desert" in Kosair Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Louisville in November, 1917.

The Order of the Eastern Star was conferred in Pineville Chapter No. 89, O. E. S., at Pineville. Has served as Worthy Patron.

Elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., at the annual communication held in October, 1929. Regularly advanced, and on October 20, 1932, was installed Grand Master.

He made an enviable record in the discharge of the duties incident to the exalted station. He accomplished the feat of visiting one or more lodges in each county in this grand jurisdiction (numbering 120). To the casual observer this seemed almost an utter impossibility. The happy faculty of loving to mingle with his fellowman prompted a desire to go to the most remote locations, even to those where the roads to be traveled were somewhat inaccessible. But nothing daunted him. How true that old adage, "Where there is a will there is a way." More than one-half of the lodges on the roster were visited. It means much for the chief officer to mingle with the craft. They want to see what such a being looks like and listen to his words of wisdom and encouragement. All of which tends to infuse new life into the organization and renew the Masonic spirit in the individual.

The Craft of Kentucky owe a debt of gratitude to Brother Phillips for the untiring efforts to bridge the "depression." The loss in membership during the year 1933 showed a large decrease over the preceding years. This no doubt was caused by the interest that was manifested by "our leader" in the timely advice and wholesome suggestions offered during these pilgrimages. The pace set is worth the effort to follow, as near as possible. More visitations result in a better knowledge of the principles for which we have enlisted. In other words, education is needed for accomplishment.

It was due to his untiring efforts that a post office was secured for the Home, the only fraternal or charitable institution in the United States to have been so designated.

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#### FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1933

The One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., was called to order Tuesday, October 17, 1933, in the Shubert Building, Louisville, Kentucky, and was opened in ample form on the Master Mason degree after a prayer by the Rt. Rev. Chas. W. Welch, Grand Chaplain. Brother John L. Phillips, Most Worshipful Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East, was assisted by the following Grand Officers who occupied their regular stations:

Richard Priest Dietzman .....	Deputy Grand Master
Hebbert Henderson .....	Grand Senior Warden
Hugh Moore .....	Grand Junior Warden
James Garnett .....	Grand Treasurer
Fred W. Hardwick .....	Grand Secretary
Alex M. Woodruff .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Rt. Rev. Charles W. Welch .....	Grand Chaplain
Hugh S. Young .....	Grand Senior Deacon
S. D. Stacy .....	Grand Junior Deacon
J. M. Cochran .....	Grand Marshal
C. P. Henry .....	Grand Sword Bearer
Chester A. Keslar .....	Grand Pursuivant
W. H. Hawes .....	Grand Tiler
W. A. Guthrie .....	Grand Lecturer

Brother Fred A. Kratch presented to the Grand Lodge, Grand Master F. C. Barnhill and Grand Secretary Dr. Arthur Mather, of Missouri; also, Brother Louis E. Anderson, Past Grand Master of Michigan, who were welcomed by the Grand Master and received with Grand Honors.

Of the twenty-nine living past grand masters, twenty-four were in attendance at this session of Grand Lodge. There were eighty-four past masters registered in the Grand Secretary's office. The Grand Secretary's report showed that there were 564 lodges on the roster and approximately 528 having representatives at Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master, Brother John L. Phillips, in opening his address to the Grand Lodge, spoke as follows:

"Grateful to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for our privilege of gathering here today, and with a prayer that His loving spirit may hover over us during our deliberations, I welcome you, my brethren, most heartily and fraternally to this, the One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

"It has afforded me very great pleasure to perform the duties of Grand Master for the past year as best I could. We are proud of the record made by the Masonic Order during the year just closed. We find much in it to be thankful for. Peace and harmony prevailed. While chaotic conditions ruled in the business world, and even among many great nations of the earth, the old Masonic Order moved on undisturbed. Nor, shall it ever abandon the race, the goal of which is honor and glory through charity and service."

He very feelingly referred to the death of Past Grand Master John G. Orndorff, also to the passing of Brothers Chas. F. Weaver and Charles A. McMillan, members of the Educational Trustees of the Grand Lodge, who had died since the 1932 session of Grand Lodge.

In referring to the installation of Brother Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick, he did so in the following language:

"In a regular meeting of Bell Lodge No. 691, Pineville, Kentucky, on January 9, 1933, I had the pleasure of installing Past Grand Master Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. I was assisted in this pleasant duty by Richard Priest Dietzman, Deputy Grand Master, and Hugh S. Young, Grand Senior Deacon.

"A large number of brethren were present to witness the installation. Brother Dietzman and Brother James C. Morris, Superintendent of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, made the trip from Louisville to be present. We also installed Brother Shade D. Stacy, Grand Junior Deacon."

In referring to the most notable Masonic events of the year, he spoke as follows:

"I issued two proxies to Past Grand Master John H. Cowles, which gave me unusual pleasure.

"I realize the great importance of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky being represented on two Masonic occasions, of which Brother Cowles, writing for the New Age Magazine, said, 'The twentieth century will record two Masonic events of world-wide importance and influence that have never been equaled, and will never be excelled.' Brother Cowles had reference to the celebration at Boston in June of the Bi-Centennial of the first Grand Lodge in America, that of Massachusetts, St. Andrews Lodge, in which originated the Boston Tea Party, and to the dedication of the Masonic Peace Memorial at London, England, in July.

"I also realized these proxies required traveling long distances, the sacrifice of much time and expense, and that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has no appropriation for any such expenses. I was aware of the fact that Brother Cowles had represented the Grand Lodge of Kentucky under the same conditions in 1919 at the Masonic Peace Jubilee in London, England, so I felt a delicacy in asking him to accept my proxies for these events. However, Brother Cowles being always ready to do all he can to promote the interest and welfare of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, gladly accepted the proxies. So, my brethren, I feel that we have had a signal honor bestowed upon us by being represented at these two most notable Masonic events by the highest ranking Scottish Rite Mason in the world, Past Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Commander John H. Cowles."

He told of the dedication of the Masonic Temple at Pineville, Bell Lodge No. 691, of which he is a member, in the following language:

"On September 25th, assisted by Brother Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, and Brother Hugh Moore, Grand Junior Ward-

en, and H. S. Young, Grand Senior Deacon, we dedicated the beautiful Masonic Temple of Bell Lodge No. 691, Pineville, Ky. This was a public dedication, and many brethren from other lodges attended, including Brother Jas. Morris, Superintendent of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home."

At a meeting of the Educational Trustees, held in Chairman Jas. H. Richmond's office at Frankfort, Ky., on August 10th, the Grand Master appointed Past Grand Master Alpheus E. Orton on the board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Brother Charles A. McMillan. He also appointed Brother John M. Yost to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Brother Charles F. Weaver.

Grand Master Phillips appointed some twenty-one grand representatives to represent the twenty-one Grand Lodges of foreign countries that had been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky at the last session of Grand Lodge.

He reported the arrest of five charters, the consolidation of four lodges and the loss by fire of two charters.

In speaking of "Our Homes and the Masonic Home Journal," he said:

"While it is true, 'There is no place like home,' our Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home is the nearest approach to the old home roof-tree in existence. The very atmosphere of each department of the Home is saturated with cheerfulness. Upon each of the numerous visits I have made to the Home, I have found all the little folks happy and contented, also the widows.

"This most beautiful home is becoming more attractive each year, due to the deep interest displayed by the Committee on Grounds. This committee is composed of three members of the Board of Directors of the Home, who devote a great deal of their time to the planting of trees, shrubbery and flowers on the premises. Superintendent Morris informs us that a fine orchard will be set out on the Home grounds this fall, consisting of a variety of fruits of several hundred trees. This orchard will make a very valuable asset for the Home, and without cost to it, as the trees will be donated to the Home by our most generous Past Grand Master Henry P. Barret.

"Superintendent Morris and Mrs. Morris are very popular and well liked by all in the Home. They take great pride and pleasure in their work, and are suitably adapted, both by temperament and habit, for the care of the children and widows, and thus the Home is successfully managed.

"The Old Masons' Home is in splendid condition. Superintendent and Mrs. Scearce are conducting the Home economically and successfully. The twenty-five cents per capita assessment on the Masons is not sufficient for the maintenance of the Home, but Brother Scearce has managed to make it pay the expenses

this year, and he has provided ample clothing and food for all in the Home. Brother Scearce and Mrs. Scearce get along with the old folks in the Home admirably, and the best of harmony and goodwill prevail.

"After serving four years as director ex-officio on the Board of the Old Masons' Home, I was elected at the August meeting a director, for which I am very grateful. I consider it a privilege indeed to be associated with such a fine body of men as those who compose this Board, and assist in the great work in which they are engaged.

"We have all noticed quite an improvement in the Masonic Home Journal during the year. A new font of type was purchased, which makes the reading matter much plainer. The forms are better, and 'ye Editor' Brother Jim Morris, is publishing more news from the lodges than usual. I have received copies of Masonic newspapers from many states in our country, and some from London, England, and I believe our Masonic Home Journal is the newsiest and best one of them."

Of the establishment of a post office at the Masonic Home, he said:

"In 1931, the U. S. Post Office at St. Matthews, Ky., was made a Sub Station for the Louisville Post Office. Up until that date, the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home had used the St. Matthews Post Office for its U. S. mail matters, as this Post Office was only one mile from the Home. Since the St. Matthews Office was made a Sub Station for the Louisville Post Office in 1931, the Post Office Department has compelled the Home to deposit their mail in the Louisville Post Office. The cost of mailing the Masonic Home Journal in the Louisville Office is one cent per copy. The cost in the St. Matthews office was  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents per pound (eight Journals weigh one pound) which amounts to about \$80.00 per month extra postage on the Journal. This extra postage cost is very unjust, as the Journal is not published in Louisville, and if St. Matthews had a Post Office today the cost of mailing the Masonic Home Journal in it would only be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents per pound, of eight Journals."

Under the heading of District Meetings, the Grand Master said:

"Great benefits are derived, both by the Craft and the Grand Lodge Officers, in the visits made by the Grand Lodge Officers to the lodges. Many important questions are asked and answered upon these visits, which are very helpful to the lodges, and which would likely not be asked otherwise. Such visits help to create more interest among the brethren in our Order, and stimulate good-fellowship.

"District meetings of lodges called by the Grand Master are very beneficial. Suggestions for the good of the Order made at these meetings are always interesting and helpful to the Craft.

"If Grand Lodge Officers would visit all the lodges in the state each year, our old Masonic Order would grow like a green bay tree.

"It was a happy privilege for me, and one I enjoyed immensely, to visit lodges and district meetings of lodges over the state. I was accompanied on my visits to a large number of lodges by our Deputy Grand Master, Brother Dietzman, and Grand Secretary, Brother Hardwick, and on visits to a few lodges by our Grand Junior Warden, Brother Hugh Moore, all of whose jovial companionship I enjoyed. But the pal who continued with me through one hundred seventeen of the one hundred twenty counties of the state, was my dear wife, who did the driving of our car."

Speaking of the special meeting of the Grand Lodge Officers, he did so as follows:

"On June 22nd, I received the following telegram:  
"Louisville, Ky., 6-22-33.

John L. Phillips, Grand Master,  
Pineville, Ky.

Will you and elective grand officers meet representatives of the thirty-one lodges in Jefferson County in Grand Secretary's office at three p. m., Monday, to discuss matters of vital importance to the Craft in Kentucky. Wire answer to Grand Secretary's office.

(Signed) Committee of Masters.'

"After an exchange of telegrams and letters, I called a meeting of the elective officers of the Grand Lodge to be held in the Grand Secretary's office on the afternoon of July 8th. We invited each past grand master in the state to this meeting, because we believed that in matters of such grave importance to the Craft as would be discussed in the meeting, we would like to have their advice.

"Some agitation was started among the Craft by an article published in the Masonic Home Journal on July first, which article favored calling off the communication of the Grand Lodge this year. During July, I received copies of resolutions passed by fifteen lodges protesting against calling off the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

"The special meeting was called to order at 2:00 p. m., July 8th, and the following officers of the Grand Lodge were present: J. L. Phillips, Grand Master; R. P. Dietzman, Deputy Grand Master; Hebbert Henderson, Grand Senior Warden; Hugh Moore, Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett, Grand Treasurer; Alex M. Woodruff, Assistant Grand Secretary.

"There were also present six past grand masters and representatives of twenty-eight Louisville and Jefferson County lodges.

"It was explained that the purpose of the meeting was to find some way of providing financial relief for the constituent lodges. During the discussion which followed, it was suggested that one dollar per capita dues on the membership of the lodges could be saved by calling off the communication of the Grand Lodge this year. But it was disclosed that the communication of the Grand Lodge could not be called off legally, as Section 9 of the Constitution says, 'The Grand Lodge of Kentucky shall hold its annual communication in Louisville on the third Tuesday in October each year.' Section 10 says, 'If there should be any epidemic of contagious disease, insurrection or war at the time fixed for the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, that might jeopardize the lives of the members, the Grand Master, by concurrence of two-thirds of the elective officers, may change the meeting place.' There is no provision in the Constitution for calling off the annual communication, and we have all sworn to maintain and support the Constitution.

"After about three hours of discussion, it was unanimously decided to pay the expenses of the Grand Lodge this year out of a surplus fund which had accumulated from the one dollar per capita dues on the membership, collected from the constituent lodges each year, and not to collect the dollar per capita dues this year from the lodges. The one dollar per capita dues on the members collected each year for paying the expenses of the Grand Lodge has been more than paying both the expenses of the Grand Lodge and appropriations amounting to several thousand dollars. So, a large surplus fund of this money has accumulated, from which we recommended, as published in an article on the front page of the Masonic Home Journal dated August first, that the expenses of the Grand Lodge this year be paid out of this money, and that the lodges be not required to remit to the Grand Lodge this year the one dollar per member dues. If the Grand Lodge should fail to approve the recommendation, the subordinate lodges could then pay the one dollar per member to the Grand Secretary.

"In order to relieve any anxiety of the brethren about the constitutionality of the above recommendation, I now recommend that in lieu of it, the following recommendation be substituted, to-wit:

"That this Grand Lodge appropriate out of the surplus fund accumulated from the one dollar per capita Grand Lodge dues collected from subordinate lodges, an amount sufficient to pay the subordinate lodges Grand Lodge dues of one dollar per capita for this year, and that the amount be donated to the

subordinate lodges by crediting the lodges with said dues for this year."

In speaking of the \$20.00 assessment, he did so as follows, and recommended that the same be annulled:

"The number of suspensions for non-payment of dues and assessments during the past nine years is so very large, that we have given it our earnest attention this year. We have made a sincere effort to assist the lodges in reducing the number of such suspensions. We have insisted that the lodges we have visited in every county of the state make an effort to reinstate worthy brethren who have been suspended for non-payment of dues and assessments. At this juncture we met the only semblance or near approach of any dissatisfaction among any of the brethren. They claimed that the \$20.00 Home Building Assessment stood in the way of many who would gladly petition for re-instatement, but they were not financially able to pay it.

"The \$20.00 Home Building Assessment was made by the Grand Lodge in 1924. The number of suspensions from 1925 (including 1925) up to and including 1933, was 32,467, practically all of which were for non-payment of dues and assessments; and is 44 per cent of the total membership of all the lodges in the state in 1925, which was over 72,000.

"From all the information I have been able to gather, I believe that where one brother was suspended for non-payment of the \$20.00 Home Building Assessment, who was able to pay it, there were nineteen brethren suspended who were unable to pay it. Shall we continue to penalize nineteen worthy brethren, for non-payment of this assessment, in order to administer justice to one unworthy brother for the same cause? Or is it still better that ninety-nine guilty escape rather than one innocent be punished?

"I know many worthy brethren who were, and are now, unable to pay the \$20.00 assessment, but who could pay lodge dues, who wish to be reinstated.

"Since 1928, this \$20.00 assessment has provided a controversy in the Grand Lodge each year. I believe the time has arrived for it to cease. Our Home has been paid for, and does not owe a dollar to any one. I recommend that the \$20.00 Home Building Assessment be annulled."

This was adopted by Grand Lodge and was the most popular recommendation made by the Grand Master.

In conclusion, he said:

"Considering the economic condition of the country, I feel that our old Masonic Order has had a good year in Kentucky. We have not had complaint of invasion of any jurisdiction; we have not had any Masonic trials or contentions sufficient to mar the peace and tranquillity of our brotherhood.

"If Father Time should roll back his cycle one year, and I were permitted to perform the duties as Grand Master over again, I do not know of a single change I would make, or any improvement I could offer. I have made an earnest endeavor to prove by my work my hearty appreciation of the high honor you conferred upon me in electing me Grand Master. My sincere wish is that peace and harmony may continue to prevail among the Craft, and that heaven's blessings may abide with us."

A resolution by Brother J. Gregory Bruce, a member of Bell Lodge No. 691, duly seconded and adopted, referred the Grand Master's address to the proper committees.

#### GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Brother James Garnett, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and chairman of the Building Committee of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, offered his report and upon his motion, duly seconded, the same was referred to the Finance Committee. The following excerpts from his report should prove of interest to all who read this:

"With pardonable pride I present to you my tenth annual report as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

"When the duties of this office were entrusted to me on the 7th day of July, 1923, I found in the treasury of the Grand Lodge one \$5,000.00 Liberty Bond, which bond has continuously been and is now a part of the reserve fund of the Grand Lodge. I immediately set about to and did formulate plans for the up-building during the years of prosperity of a reserve fund sufficient to carry the Grand Lodge over such period of adversity as might overtake it.

"I rented a lock box in the name of the Grand Lodge under a contract that it could be entered only in the presence of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer and I promptly invested surplus money coming to my hands as Grand Treasurer in good, solvent, interest-bearing bonds, which are kept in said lock box in the vault of the Fidelity & Columbia Trust Company.

"For obvious reasons I suggested that the Grand Lodge call this the Educational Fund and it is so carried in my report.

"By order of the Grand Lodge at its 1931 session, I turned over to the Educational Trustees, to cover its operations for a period of five years, cash and securities of the aggregate value of \$55,000.00.

"By order of the Grand Lodge at its 1932 session, I cancelled a note for \$5,000.00 executed by the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky, in exchange for certificates for fifty life memberships.

"These items, aggregating \$60,000.00, were taken from the reserve fund which I had conserved and thereby reduced the balance which I would otherwise have had on hand.

"From the attached itemized statement, you will see that I now hold in the reserve fund securities of the aggregate par value of \$154,000.00 and in addition thereto I had on hand at the close of the fiscal year sufficient cash to meet the \$18,000.00 of expense which will be incurred by this Grand Lodge and, if the appropriations are held at the minimum, I believe I will be able to pay all the expenses of the Grand Lodge for the present fiscal year.

"Last year the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky had a deficit of approximately \$7,000.00, which was liquidated by the Grand Lodge cancelling a note for \$5,000.00 and the Grand Chapter contributing \$2,000.00. The report for the fiscal year which has just closed shows that this institution was operated within its income and had a small surplus of about \$260.00."

The recapitulation statement showed the following:

Balance as shown by last statement .....	\$107,970.24
Receipts .....	132,499.84
Total .....	\$240,470.08
Disbursements .....	138,629.06
Balance .....	\$101,841.02

The following resolution offered by Brother J. D. Whiteaker of Greenville Lodge No. 655 was unanimously adopted:

"Be It Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., That the report of James Garnett, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., be filed and immediately referred to the Committee on Finance, and that the Committee on Finance be and they are directed to report to this Grand Lodge on the recommendations so made by the Grand Treasurer tomorrow morning and that the said committee's report be made a special order for 9 a. m., on Wednesday, October 18th."

#### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Brother Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, made his report, which upon motion, duly seconded, was referred to the proper committees. A part of his report is as follows:

"I herewith submit my eleventh annual report as your Grand Secretary, for the year ending September 30, 1933.

"For the Financial Report I am submitting the audit of L. C. Barnett & Company."

A summary of the statistical table showed the following:

#### Lodges

Number of lodges reported October 1, 1932 .....	564
No new lodges instituted.	
Charters arrested: Nos. 230, 770, 854, 866, 883 and 899 .....	6

Charters surrendered: Nos. 696, 717, 801 and 887 .....	4
Lodges consolidated:	
Nos. 23 and 199	
469 and 645	
819 and 893 .....	3
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	13
Total number of lodges October 1, 1933 .....	551

### Membership

Members per returns, as of August 31, 1932 .....	53,378
Members initiated since last returns .....	418
Members admitted since last returns .....	352
Members reinstated since last returns .....	384
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	1,154
Members expelled since last returns .....	10
Members demitted since last returns .....	384
Members suspended since last returns .....	3,298
Members died since last returns .....	755
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	4,447
Apparent loss .....	3,293

Present membership as shown by returns received .....	50,085
Free members .....	662

Past Grand Master Fred W. Hardwick made a very complete report of the Dedication in London, England, of the Masonic Peace Memorial during the week of July 17th. Past Grand Master Veach moved that the sincere thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to Brother Hardwick for the excellent report of the proceedings in connection with the dedication of this Memorial, and that same be printed in full in the Proceedings. Said motion was seconded and carried.

Brother J. W. Ireland, chairman of the Committee on Necrology, made his report and moved its adoption. His motion, duly seconded, was put to a vote and unanimously adopted.

The Grand Lodge was addressed by distinguished visitors, namely, Brothers F. C. Barnhill, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Arthur Mather, Grand Secretary, of Missouri; also, by Brother L. E. Anderson, Past Grand Master of Michigan.

Past Grand Master C. S. Rankins moved that felicitations and best wishes for a successful meeting be sent to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was then in session at Columbus; also, expressions of regret to all past grand masters who were incapacitated and unable to attend the Grand Lodge session. Said motion was seconded and carried.

The Grand Secretary announced that busses would be at the entrance of the building at one o'clock to convey any who wished to attend the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, to witness the entertainment by the children of the Home.

At 12:15 o'clock, the Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock the next morning.

#### PROGRAM OF THE ENTERTAINMENT

The program given by the children for Grand Lodge Officers, delegates and visitors consisted of a pageant, "Building the United States," centered around a huge jig-saw puzzle of the United States; 300 children took part.

#### SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1933

##### MORNING SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at nine o'clock a. m., by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and prayer was offered by the Rt. Rev. Charles W. Welch, Grand Chaplain.

Brother Gatlin made a special report of the Committee on Finance, on the recommendation of the Grand Treasurer, with reference to remitting \$1.00 Grand Lodge dues, chargeable to the lodges. Said report was adopted. It was as follows:

"The following recommendations of the Grand Treasurer are hereby approved by your Committee on Finance, viz.:

"First: That the levy of one dollar per member against each subordinate lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction for Grand Lodge dues for the year ended September 30, 1933, be remitted.

"Second: That the Grand Secretary be authorized to refund said assessment to any subordinate lodge that may have paid the same.

"Third: "That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to use any cash on hand not otherwise appropriated for the payment of mileage and per diem and other expenses of the Grand Lodge for the present fiscal year, and in the event there is not sufficient cash on hand available for such purposes that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to sell any securities held by him as and when the proceeds therefrom are needed for the purposes aforesaid.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe H. Ewalt,  
Geo. C. Stahel,  
D. Walter Gatlin."

Past Grand Master Saunders, of the Special Committee appointed by the Grand Master, to report on certain items of ex-

pense of the Grand Lodge, made his report; portions being referred to the Finance Committee and others referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Roll of Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was called and the Representatives were welcomed to the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master.

Brother J. H. Richmond made a report for the Educational Trustees, which on his motion, was received and ordered filed. It showed 61 children as having been kept in school the past year at a total cost of \$15,544.97.

Past Grand Master Clarke, composing the Committee on Other Grand Lodges, was unable to attend the Grand Lodge session, but the Grand Secretary submitted his report for him, and the same is published as appendix to the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

Brother J. D. Brown (266) offered a resolution with reference to the Masonic Home Journal furnishing supplies to the subordinate lodges, which resolution was adopted.

Brother M. P. Murphy made a report for the Committee on Credentials, which was adopted.

Brother S. S. Pinney of the Committee on Our Homes made a report, which on his motion, seconded, was adopted.

Brother J. E. Longstreet of Crescent Hill Lodge No. 820 moved a reconsideration of the report of the Committee on Our Homes.

Past Grand Master Garnett moved that the part in said report referring to the sale of the Old Masons' Home, and moving said Home to the grounds of the Widows and Orphans' Home, at St. Matthews, be stricken out. Motion was seconded and carried.

Past Grand Master Wilhelm moved to amend the report of the Committee on Our Homes in the last paragraph relating to the Old Masons' Home, by inserting the word "two" before the word "preceding." The report, as amended, was adopted.

The following telegram from Past Grand Master John X. Taylor was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

"Congratulations and Best Wishes."

Brother S. Marion Cecil made a report for the Committee on By-Laws, and on his motion, duly seconded, it was adopted.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The hour of election having arrived, the Constitutional time for holding the election, the Grand Lodge proceeded with this duty.

The following officers were elected:

Richard Priest Dietzman (760), Grand Master; Hebbert Henderson (437), Deputy Grand Master; Hugh Moore (28), Grand

Senior Warden; I. B. Ross (65), Grand Junior Warden; James Garnett (96), Grand Treasurer; Fred W. Hardwick (400), Grand Secretary.

Brother Fred A. Kratch, chairman of the Committee on Visitors, presented Brothers W. V. Gregory, J. A. Dodson and Harry Pettijohn, the first two being past grand masters of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, I. O. O. F., and Brother Pettijohn being a representative of the Grand Lodge, which was holding its annual session in Louisville.

Brother Gregory addressed the Grand Lodge in a most inspiring speech.

Past Grand Master Garnett moved that the best wishes of this Grand Lodge be sent by our visitors to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. Said motion was seconded and carried.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor on the Master Mason degree at 2:00 p. m.

The following telegram was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary,  
Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M.,  
Louisville, Ky.

Ohio reciprocates felicitations of Kentucky. We are sure the spirit of fellowship will be a benediction to all your deliberations.

Harry S. Johnson, Gr. Sec'y.

Past Grand Master Garnett made the following statement, and moved:

"This Grand Lodge, by unanimous vote, remitted \$1.00 per member assessed against each lodge for the support of the Grand Lodge and thereby appropriated the total sum of \$1.00 per member for all the members of subordinate lodges in the state of Kentucky and no sum can or will be collected for Grand Lodge dues for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1933, and Section 61 of the Constitution providing that no representative will receive in mileage and per diem more money than his lodge pays in dues for the same year;

"Therefore, in order to determine the amount of mileage and per diem to be received by the representatives to this Grand Lodge,

"Be It Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer will pay mileage and per diem to all the accredited delegates, members of committees, past grand masters and others entitled thereto, in the event that the lodge to which they belong has paid in assessment for the benefit of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home

a sum aggregating as much, or more, than the mileage and per diem, and no representative shall receive in mileage and per diem more money than his lodge paid as an assessment to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home for the year ending August 31, 1933, and the Grand Treasurer will pay all of said representatives mileage and per diem to which they are entitled under the conditions hereinbefore set out."

Said motion was duly seconded and when submitted to a vote was unanimously adopted and so declared.

Past Grand Master Orton made the report for the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted, section by section, then on motion, duly seconded, was adopted as a whole.

The following amendments to the 1928 Book of Constitutions were proposed, referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, and being found in order, were ordered to lie over until the 1934 session of Grand Lodge:

"Sec. 9. **Meetings.** The Grand Lodge of Kentucky shall hold its Annual Communications in Louisville on the third Tuesday in October of each year except that the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden, or a majority of them, may change the place of meeting to some other city in Kentucky if they shall find it to the best interest of the Craft in the matter of publicity and hotel accommodations, or for any other reason, or reasons which to such officers may appear sufficient.

"Sec. 61. **Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, Representatives, Committees.** The pay of all Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters, who are affiliated with some lodge in this jurisdiction, a representative from each lodge, each member of a Committee, shall be Five Dollars per day and four cents per mile going from and returning to the location of their respective lodges, the distance to be measured by the nearest traveled route. Provided: That no representative shall receive in the mileage and per diem more money than his lodge pays in as dues for the same year.

"Sec. 89. **Dual Membership.** (a) Any brother may affiliate with more than one lodge at the same time. (b) Suspension or expulsion from any lodge with which a brother is affiliated shall suspend or expel him from every lodge with which he may have affiliated in this jurisdiction.

"Sec. 107. **Residence.** No petition for degrees or affiliation by demit shall be balloted on by any lodge, unless the petitioner shall have been continually a bona-fide resident of its jurisdiction for at least six months, or obtained a waiver from the lodge having jurisdiction of it.

Sec. 110. **Written or Printed.** Petitions must be in writing (or printed), signed by the petitioner, giving his occupation,

date and place of birth and place where he has resided during the previous twelve months; also the degrees attained if any, and whether or not his petition has ever been presented to or rejected by a Masonic lodge—if it has, then the name, number and location of the lodge petitioned must be given; or the name and number of any lodge of which he may be a member in good standing.

**"Sec. 111. Demit Accompanies Petition.** A certificate of membership, a demit or its equivalent, must accompany petition for affiliation, except as in Section 145, and be retained by the lodge petitioned if the petitioner be elected to membership; and no lodge shall admit a brother to membership without a certificate of membership, a demit or its equivalent. If rejected, the certificate of membership, or demit, shall be returned to him. This applies to brothers of any degree.

**"Sec. 171. After Suspension for Non-Payment.** A brother suspended for non-payment of dues shall rest under suspension only until payment thereof shall be made. Payment of the amount owing up to the time he was suspended, plus the assessment for the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home Building Fund, shall restore him to membership without any action of the lodge, but a notation of the fact shall be made in the minutes; provided, if he shall remain suspended for two years or longer, he can be restored to good standing only on payment of said sums and re-elected to membership by consent of three-fourths of the members present, expressed by ballot after regular petition, which must be referred to and reported on by committee the same as any other petition for membership; provided, however, the benefits of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home shall not be available to such members or their dependents within one year after such reinstatement.

**"Sec. 172. Before Term Expires.** To restore one expelled, or one suspended, before the expiration of the time named in the sentence, shall require regular petition, payment of the assessment for the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home Building Fund, reference to Committee, action deferred for one month, report of Committee and unanimous ballot by the lodge that sentenced him, if in existence. If, however, that lodge be defunct, the restoration can only be made by the Grand Lodge provided an expelled member shall not be reinstated within one year from the date of his expulsion.

**"Sec. 208. Demits to Defunct Lodge Members.** A demit to one who was a member of a lodge which has become defunct, shall be issued by the Grand Secretary, upon such member making application therefor, and having the application recommended by a lodge in whose jurisdiction he may then reside; also paying to the Grand Secretary the amount of his indebt-

edness to his former (defunct) lodge, plus the assessment for the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home Building Fund, and the demit may be issued without regard to any time limit. The same rule shall apply to all persons who were suspended for non-payment of dues by said lodge prior to the time the lodge became defunct.

"Reg. 290. **Steps Necessary to Change the Meeting Place.** To change the meeting place of a lodge, these steps are essential: A motion or resolution to move to a designated place may be offered at a stated meeting; if it be seconded, action thereon must be postponed until a subsequent stated meeting. Within ten days after the motion or resolution was offered, notice of the proposed change of meeting place and of the time when it will be considered by the lodge shall be sent to every member. At the meeting designated for action on the motion or resolution, the Secretary shall report (and note in minutes) when and how said notices were sent. He will also enter the names of all members present, how many voted for the motion to move, and how many voted against it. If a majority of the members present vote for the removal (if it be to another hall within the same town) the move shall be made. But if it be proposed to move to some place that would invade the jurisdiction of other lodges, the consent of every lodge whose jurisdiction would be affected by such removal is necessary. Certificates of such consent shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, together with full transcripts from the lodge minutes touching such removal (over the lodge seal), and the Grand Secretary shall forward the same to the Grand Master, who will return them with his written authority for the lodge to move as desired, or his refusal to do so. In either case, the Grand Secretary shall report the decision of the Grand Master to the lodge wishing to remove. The Grand Master's consent to any removal of a lodge shall not continue in force beyond the next Communication of the Grand Lodge, but if the Grand Lodge confirm the action of the Grand Master, the removal shall thereby be made permanent from the moment the fact shall be indorsed upon the lodge charter, under the seal of the Grand Lodge and shall not be operative until that be done. The same steps shall be taken in case of the change of the name of a lodge, as far as applicable."

Brother I. B. Ross made the report for the Committee on Appeals, which was adopted.

Brother I. T. Woodson, Grand Master of A. A. S. R., extended an invitation to all members of the Grand Lodge to visit at a reception given by the Scottish Rite Bodies on January 1, 1934, in honor of the Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge and the Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and the Old Masons' Home.

Past Grand Master Ware announced that Past Grand Master Landberg had been honored by the Supreme Council, A. A. S. R., by having the Honorary Degree of K. C. C. H. conferred upon him.

Past Grand Master Garnett moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn until the next morning at nine o'clock.

At 3:10 p. m., the Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until Thursday morning at nine o'clock.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1933

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at nine o'clock a. m., by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and prayer was offered by the Rt. Rev. Charles W. Welch, Grand Chaplain.

Past Grand Master Garnett moved to reconsider that part of the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, relative to the donation of \$1.00 per member to each subordinate lodge. Said motion was seconded and carried. Brother Garnett moved to include that paragraph which was stricken out the day before by the committee at his request. This motion was duly seconded and carried. Brother Garnett then moved that the report of the committee be adopted as read; same being duly seconded and carried.

Brother D. W. Gatlin, chairman of the Committee on Finance, made the report for that committee, which was adopted.

The Grand Secretary offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky express their appreciation to the Louisville Press for its co-operation and publicity given to the 1933 meeting of their Annual Communication, and it is their desire that copies of this resolution be sent to each of the three papers.

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky express their appreciation to Caufield & Shook, local photographers, at considerable expense to themselves, for their kindness in furnishing photographs of the various members for the use of publicity during the 1933 session."

Past Grand Master Garnett moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to retiring Grand Master Phillips for his untiring efforts and the faithful performance of his duties during the past year. Said motion was seconded and adopted by a rising vote.

The Grand Master presented to the Grand Lodge, Brother Henry Woods, of Robert Clark Lodge No. 646, who was ninety-three years old, who addressed the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary announced the appointment of Brother Alex M. Woodruff, as Assistant Grand Secretary, which was approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments: Rt. Rev. Charles L. Graham (820), Grand Chaplain; S. T. Quin (669), Grand Senior Deacon; G. Truman Landberg (607), Grand Junior Deacon; D. Walter Gatlin (143), Grand Marshal; Roy L. Dawson (449), Grand Sword Bearer; C. E. Peterson (500), Grand Pursuivant; W. H. Hawes (760), Grand Tiler; W. A. Guthrie (177), Grand Lecturer.

The following committees were appointed:

Jurisprudence—Chas. S. Rankins, Newport No. 358; Henry P. Barret, Jerusalem No. 9; Hanson Peterson, St. Andrews No. 18.

Appeals—Henderson G. Hightower, Latonia No. 746; Otto C. Martin, Hartford No. 675; Orie S. Ware, Covington No. 109.

Finance—George C. Stahel, Golden Rule No. 345; Joe H. Ewalt, Paris No. 2; Isaac T. Woodson, Daylight No. 760.

Credentials—Curtis C. Queen, Poage No. 325; J. Weller Check, Kilwinning No. 506; C. P. Henry, Highland No. 311.

By-Laws—John R. Yeager, Franklin No. 28; Wm. B. Morris, Mercer No. 777; Guy T. Johnson, Lexington No. 1.

Our Homes—J. D. Whiteaker, Greenville No. 655; J. Wm. Gaines, Anderson No. 90; J. C. Strange, Columbia No. 96.

Visitors—J. M. Cochran, Maysville No. 52; S. S. Pinney, Mt. Sterling No. 23; A. W. Whitehead, Williamsburg No. 490.

Lodges U. D.—Ray G. Tipton, Irvine No. 137; W. F. Carnes, Willis Stewart No. 224; C. W. Bridges, Hickman No. 131.

Necrology—J. W. Ireland, Henry Barnes No. 607.

Other Grand Lodges—W. W. Clarke, Owensboro No. 130.

Biography—Hugh S. Young, Bell No. 691.

Publicity—Frank S. Moses, Louisville No. 400.

Educational Trustees—T. W. Pennington, Lincoln No. 60; Jas. H. Richmond, Lewis No. 191; John M. Yost, Thos. C. Cecil No. 375; Dr. J. W. Juett, Eminence No. 282; John T. Graves, Landmark No. 41; A. E. Orton, Dawson Springs No. 628; John J. Howe, Carrollton No. 134.

Deputy Grand Master Dietzman called attention to the fact that Mrs. Woodruff had furnished flowers for all the sessions of the Grand Lodge and moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to her for this delicate attention. Motion carried.

The elective and appointive Grand Officers were very impressively installed by Past Grand Master Phillips with the exception of Brother Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, who would be installed some time during January, 1934.

The Grand Secretary, in a very happy address, presented our retiring Grand Master, Brother John L. Phillips, with a

past grand master's jewel, to which Brother Phillips replied in a very happy response.

There being no further business to be brought before the Grand Lodge, it was closed in ample form at 11:50 a. m., with prayer by the Rt. Rev. Charles L. Graham, Grand Chaplain.

RICHARD PRIEST DIETZMAN, Grand Master.

FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary.



## ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Richard Priest  
Dietzman

1934

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Born 1883

Richard Priest Dietzman, Past Grand Master, was born in the city of Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky, August 13, 1883, son of Albert S. Dietzman and Nellie Priest Dietzman. His father was, for a number of years, active in the financial affairs of that city, later engaging in other lines of business. He was a Mason and Knight Templar, holding his membership in Robinson Lodge No. 266, F. & A. M., and Louisville Commandery No. 1, K. T.

Brother Dietzman received his early education in the public schools of Louisville, Ky., and graduated from the Louisville Male High School with high honors in 1901, being the valedictorian of his class.

In the fall of 1901, he entered Harvard College, and was graduated in 1905 with the A. B. Cum Laude degree from that institution. He graduated with the degree LL.B. Cum Laude, from Harvard Law College, in 1907. While a student in the Law College, he was one of the editors of the Harvard Law Review.

After his graduation from Harvard Law College, he became a member of the Louisville bar, and from 1907 until 1924, practiced law, being associated with the late Governor Augustus E. Willson.

In the late World's War, he was in the Officers' Training School, Field Artillery, and was stationed at Camp Taylor. He is an active member of Jefferson Post of the American Legion.

In 1922, he received the appointment as Mayor's Counsel, at the hands of Mayor Huston Quin, of the city of Louisville, and in 1923, was promoted to First Assistant City Attorney, which position he filled most creditably, and in 1924, was made City Attorney of Louisville.

A vacancy occurring on the Court of Appeals bench in his district in 1924, Brother Dietzman was named by his party (Republican) as its nominee for that high office. In the election in November of that year, he was elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, and took his seat as a member of the State's highest court, on

November 18, 1924. In 1926, he was again nominated by his party to succeed himself on the Court of Appeals bench, and was elected by a large majority for the full eight-year term. He served as Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals from September, 1931, to April, 1933. We are informed by one of our State's leading attorneys, that Judge Dietzman's record in the Court of Appeals stands pre-eminent in the history of that court. During his ten-year tenure in that office, he rendered over eleven hundred opinions, and no petition was ever sustained for a rehearing in any of these cases by the Court of Appeals. Since his retirement from the bench he has opened law offices in the Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville.

He is a member of the Episcopal Church, Louisville and Kentucky Bar Associations, Filson Club, and the Louisville Board of Trade.

He is a member of the faculty of the Jefferson School of Law, and of the University of Louisville. He was guest lecturer in the summer law school of Northwestern University, in the summer of 1930.

He is the author of several legal articles in the Kentucky Law Journal, but his greatest work is that of annotator of the Kentucky Statutes and Codes. This work has been adopted by the Court of Appeals, and is in daily use by members of the legal profession throughout the Commonwealth.

#### **His Masonic Record**

Brother Dietzman received his Blue Lodge degrees in Daylight Lodge No. 760, F. & A. M. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on September 24, 1910, was passed to a Fellow Craft on October 22, 1910, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1910, by Grand Master Robert R. Burnam of Richmond, who was presiding in the East.

The jewel worn by Grand Master Burnam on that day was the same worn by Grand Master Owen D. Thomas when he instituted Daylight Lodge U. D. in October, 1904. This jewel later became the property of Brother Dietzman, who presented it to Daylight Lodge. He served as Master of Daylight Lodge No. 760 in 1913.

His Capitular degrees were conferred in King Solomon Chapter No. 5, Royal Arch Masons, in Louisville, on July 1, 1912. He served as High Priest of that Chapter in 1917-18.

The Cryptic degrees were conferred in Louisville Council No. 4, in Louisville, on April 17, 1913. He received the Super-Excellent degree on April 29, 1913. Served as Master of Louisville Council No. 4, in 1915-16. Was Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kentucky in 1924.

He was created a Knight Templar in DeMolay Commandery No. 12, K. T., of Louisville, on September 15, 1914, and served as Eminent Commander of that Commandery in 1927-28. At the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, held in Pikeville, in May, 1934, Sir Dietzman was elected Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard.

The Scottish Rite degrees were conferred in the Grand Consistory of Kentucky, A. A. S. R., in Louisville, he receiving the 32nd degree on April 25, 1919. He received the 33rd degree in Washington, D. C., in October, 1927.

Served as Grand Master of the Grand Consistory of Kentucky for the term ending in 1924.

In the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Brother Dietzman has, for many years, served as chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

He is a member of the Eastern Star, and is a Past Patron of Daylight Chapter of Louisville. He is also a member of the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

He is a member of Kosair Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and Kentuk Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R.

He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and attorney for that institution.

He was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky at the Communication held in October, 1930. He was advanced to Grand Senior Warden and Deputy Grand Master, and in October, 1933, was elected and installed as Grand Master.

As head of the Craft in Kentucky, his administration was a most successful one. Never in the least neglecting the duties he owed his state, as a member of its highest court, yet the many and exacting duties devolving on him as Grand Master were promptly and efficiently performed. Visitations were made to lodges in every section of the state. He presided over the Grand Lodge with dignity and courtesy, yet displaying that firmness necessary to secure the dispatch of business with promptness. In retiring from the office of Grand Master, he carries with him the deep love, respect and appreciation of the Craft throughout the state.

Truly the greatest and best men are encouragers and promoters of the heart, and do not deem it derogatory to their dignity to level themselves with the Fraternity.

## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1934

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., met in the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Communication in the Shubert Building, in the City of Louisville, and was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, October 16, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Judge Richard Priest Dietzman. Other Grand Lodge Officers present and assisting him were:

Hebbert Henderson .....	Deputy Grand Master
Hugh Moore .....	Grand Senior Warden
I. B. Ross .....	Grand Junior Warden
James Garnett .....	Grand Treasurer
Fred W. Hardwick .....	Grand Secretary
Alex M. Woodruff .....	Assistant Grand Secretary
Charles L. Graham .....	Grand Chaplain
S. T. Quin .....	Grand Senior Deacon
Truman Landberg .....	Grand Junior Deacon
S. A. Carroll .....	Grand Marshal
Roy L. Dawson .....	Grand Sword Bearer
C. E. Peterson .....	Grand Pursuivant
W. H. Hawes .....	Grand Tiler

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form on the Master Mason degree with prayer by the Rt. Rev. Charles L. Graham, Grand Chaplain.

Past Grand Master Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That as the minutes of our regular annual communication for the year 1933 have been published and delivered to those entitled to them that they be and are now approved."

Past Grand Master James D. Black of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., and former Governor of Kentucky, was present and was escorted to the seat on the left of the Grand Master, which is reserved for the oldest past grand master present. He is oldest both in years and in length of time since he served as Grand Master, which was in 1888.

Past Grand Master Captain John H. Cowles was introduced to the Grand Lodge by Brother J. M. Cochran.

Past Grand Master Robert Francis Peak then introduced to the Grand Lodge Brother Robert F. Kennon, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

Brother Frank W. Henley, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio, R. & S. M., was introduced by Past Grand Master Charles S. Rankins.

Brother Wm. T. O'Hara, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. A., was introduced to the

Grand Lodge by Brother S. S. Pinney, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, R. A. M.

These distinguished visitors were given a very hearty welcome by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

#### PAST GRAND MASTERS PRESENT

There are on the roll of Grand Lodge twenty-nine past grand masters. Of this number, twenty-six were in attendance at this session of Grand Lodge which came about as nearly being 100% as ever occurred to our knowledge. There were 107 past masters present and registering in the Grand Secretary's office. And out of a total of 540 lodges on the roster of Grand Lodge as of October 1, 1934, 514 were represented at this session.

#### GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Judge Richard Priest Dietzman, with the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Hebert Henderson, in the East, delivered a very able address. In opening the address, he spoke in part as follows:

"It is with genuine heartfelt pleasure that I welcome you to this, the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. One year ago you conferred upon me the highest honor within your power to bestow in making me your Grand Master. I can never adequately tell you how deeply grateful I was, am, and every shall be for this expression of your confidence and esteem, and how I have and shall ever prize it in my mind and heart. The past year has been one filled with happiness and joy—happiness in many, many pleasant contacts with the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction who have been so kind and always so ready in their co-operation in the work upon which we have been engaged; joy in the opportunity for service which has been ever present. Of course, there has been labor, but the labor was interesting and satisfying, for it was all done in the purpose and effort to advance the interests of Masonry and the high ideals of our beloved Order. I trust that whatever action I may have taken in any specific case which may have been unpleasant will yet be acknowledged to have been necessary. A strict observance of the law as set forth in our Constitution, Regulations and past rulings of this Grand Lodge, and faithful discharge of duty to our brother imperatively demands at times action which in its very nature cannot always be pleasant. I do hope though that if there have been any such actions they have been indeed few in number. I shall shortly lay before you in detail the year's work."

## STATE OF THE ORDER

Under this head, the Grand Master had this to say:

"As set out more fully in the Grand Secretary's report, we are this year again faced with a net loss in membership of over 3,000. At the time of the writing of this report, the Grand Secretary informs me that our net loss is 3,246, which figure may be subject to some adjustment on the final check of the reports of the subordinate lodges. This loss apparently contradicts the statements of your Grand Lodge Officers in the various addresses they have made over the state this year to the effect that it was apparent that the tide had turned and that there was manifested everywhere a renewed interest in our beloved Order."

He called attention to the fact that reinstatements by members that had been suspended for non-payment of dues had shown an appreciable gain in the year 1934 over the same period from 1930. The number in 1934 was 821, the highest number for the four-year period preceding 1934 was 502 for the year 1930.

He reported eight consolidations of lodges during the year. He also reported having arrested the charters of eight lodges for non-payment of dues and for failure to pay balance of Grand Lodge dues and assessments. He reported that during the year no charters had been surrendered except those occasioned by consolidation.

He reported that the Grand Lodge had two vacancies during the year through death, and recommended for appointment as Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for the respective jurisdictions indicated: Brother C. W. Homan, Springfield Lodge No. 50, Colorado; Brother W. F. McElmurray, Hiram Lodge No. 4, Massachusetts; Brother M. D. Thomas, Orion Lodge No. 222, Mississippi.

About the usual number of proxies were granted and refused as is common during one's tenure of office of Grand Master.

He reported having rendered 17 decisions and opinions. A number of dispensations were refused for various reasons.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL MASONIC MEMORIAL

Of the above memorial, the Grand Master had this to say:

"On February 22, 1934, the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association held its annual meeting in Alexandria, Va. Much yet remains to be done to complete this great Masonic memorial to Washington, but the work has been halted until necessary funds for its completion have been provided. The Grand Secretary, Brother Fred W. Hardwick, who is a director of this association, attended the meeting with me. The Masons of Kentucky can be truly proud of the part they have had

in the erection of this great memorial, and I trust that they will continue to assist by some yearly contribution until its final completion."

#### GRAND MASTERS' CONFERENCE

"The Grand Masters of the United States held their annual conference in Washington, D. C., on February 23rd and 24th of this year. Forty-one of the forty-nine jurisdictions in the United States were represented by their grand masters or other representatives. The organization of Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges held its session during the first day of the conference. The conference honored the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and your Grand Master by electing him chairman of the conference for the year 1934, an honor which your Grand Master sincerely and deeply appreciates. Much interest was manifested in the discussions relative to Freemasonry and the problems which confront it."

During the year the Grand Master conducted several district meetings and made many official visits to subordinate lodges. The total number of visitations and district meetings was 44.

#### MASONIC ANNIVERSARY OF GRAND TREASURER

"On November 20, 1933, in company with the Grand Secretary, Brother James C. Morris, Brother Isaac T. Woodson and other distinguished Masons, I visited Columbia Lodge No. 96, where a district meeting was held in honor of the fortieth anniversary of the raising of your Grand Treasurer, Brother James Garnett. Tributes justly due this distinguished Mason, who has labored so long and faithfully in the work of our beloved Order, were rendered him by many from the large crowd of his friends and brother Masons who attended this splendid meeting."

#### INSTALLATION OF GRAND SECRETARY

"On January 8, 1934, in Louisville Lodge No. 400, F. & A. M., Louisville, Kentucky, that being the lodge of our Grand Secretary, I installed Brother Fred W. Hardwick as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. This was the first time that Brother Hardwick had been installed as Grand Secretary in his own lodge. A very large gathering of his close friends and brother Masons attended the installation ceremonies."

#### CORNERSTONE LAYING

He reported having laid the cornerstone of a new municipal building in Newport. He was assisted in this by Past Grand Master Chas. S. Rankins, Past Grand Master Fred W. Hardwick. The ceremonies were presided over by a member of Newport Lodge, Brother Fred C. Weber, who was mayor of Newport.

### SCOTTISH RITE RECEPTION

"On January 1st, in accordance with its annual custom, the Grand Consistory of Kentucky, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, tendered your Grand Master a reception, to which the Masons and the public were invited. A list of distinguished Masons who attended this meeting would comprise the roster of the Grand Bodies of Kentucky. The Sovereign Grand Commander and Past Grand Master John H. Cowles attended this reception and presided. A very large crowd was present and the purpose of the reception not only to do honor to the Grand Master for the time being of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, but to make the day and the occasion one upon which our brethren and their guests would be Masonically minded and think Masonry was fully accomplished."

### ST. JOHN'S DAY PICNIC

"On June 23, 1934, I attended the picnic held at Fontaine Ferry by the St. John's Day League of Jefferson County. A sizeable sum was raised for the benefit of our Homes."

### ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

"On October 23, 1933, your Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, at a banquet held at the Kentucky Hotel in Louisville, welcomed the representatives to the annual meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star, which convened the next day in Louisville."

### OUR HOMES

"I have during the past year attended all the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville and have missed but one or two meetings of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home.

"On September 11, 1934, I visited and inspected the Masonic Home at St. Matthews, carefully going over all the departments. The Home is being splendidly run by our very efficient and capable Superintendent, Brother James C. Morris, and his equally capable and efficient wife, Mrs. Morris. The dormitories are beautifully and neatly kept, and the industrial building gave evidence of the good work which is being done there. I do not believe that any better school can be found anywhere than is being conducted under the leadership of Miss Belle Ford, assisted by her corps of able teachers. I visited every class room, my coming not being expected, and found all the students well disciplined and studiously at work. The health of the Home was marked by the fact that there was but one child in the infirmary and she was suffering only from a slight stomach trouble.

The praises to be bestowed on our infirmary are as high as those bestowed on our school. The work of the medical staff is superb and is done without fee and solely for the love of the child and for loyalty to our great fraternity. I took dinner at the Home on this occasion and afterwards inspected the kitchen and pantries. Absolute cleanliness and neatness were found in these departments. The food was wholesome and appetizing. I also visited the widows' building and found conditions there as good as in other departments of the Home. I talked with many of the widows and found them happy and contented.

"So far as the Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville is concerned, we have a superintendent equally as capable in Brother Lee Scearce, and a matron in Mrs. Lee Scearce. They are untiring in their efforts to bring comfort and happiness to the old brethren at this institution. The rooms are well kept, the food furnished abundant and appetizing. The infirmary is maintained as an infirmary should be maintained. However, the Home is in need of repairs additional to those put upon it during the administration of Past Grand Master Phillips. The boiler and heating system need renovating, and the question of the water supply is one that deserves serious attention."

#### POST OFFICE AT THE HOME

"Through the splendid efforts and untiring work of Past Grand Master John L. Phillips, a post office has been established at the Masonic Home, known as 'Masonic Home, Kentucky,' with our Superintendent, Brother James C. Morris, as the postmaster. The thanks of this Grand Lodge are due Brother Phillips for his labors in this behalf. The establishment of the post office results in a large saving in the expense of mailing out the Masonic Home Journal."

#### CHILDREN OF THE MASONIC HOME AT THE STATE CAPITOL

"On February 6, 1934, the junior and senior classes at the Masonic Home visited the state capitol. Your Grand Master was very happy to conduct them through the capitol, during which tour the heads of the various departments of the state government made short addresses to our boys and girls. They visited the House of Representatives then in session and their presence was noted on the Journal of that body, and they received a hearty applause from the members present. His Excellency, the Governor of the state, Brother Past Master Ruby Laffoon, very kindly received them in the Governor's mansion. A very happy and instructive day was had on this occasion by these children."

Concluding his address, the Grand Master did so in the following manner:

"And now the sands in the glass are running fast. Shortly and they will be all exhausted. The record of the year during which I have presided as Grand Master will soon be completed. As with all things human, much that we would have liked to have accomplished remains undone. Yet I trust that that which has been done has been well done and will redound to the best interests of the Craft. The sun of my year is fast setting. I hope that the day has been clear and bright and that the western sky is filled with glowing color, giving promise of a goodly day tomorrow. Our Order is founded on eternal principles—the belief in God—the belief in the immortality of the soul—the belief in the essential nobility of that soul—the belief that it must be free to develop the best that is in it to the end that it may fitly and completely serve its God, its country, its neighbor, and lastly, always lastly itself—the belief that goodness comes not from without, but that the kingdom of God is within us so that we must patiently and assiduously develop the better side of our natures in order that God's plan for a perfect world will come into fruition. Let us again highly resolve that these beliefs and these principles shall constitute the polar star of our faith and being. Let us, relying upon the grace and help of the Supreme Architect of the Universe exemplify that belief and faith, not only by the deep and sincere reverence we pay Him every moment of our lives, but also by our works in behalf of our brother, his widow, and his orphan."

#### DISTRIBUTION OF GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The Grand Master's address was distributed to the various committees upon a motion of Brother W. F. Carnes, Past Master of Willis Stewart Lodge No. 224.

Brother J. M. Cochran, of the Committee on Visitors, introduced to the Grand Lodge Brothers R. D. Willis, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, and J. R. Lowe, Grand Pursuivant of West Virginia.

#### GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Past Grand Master Brother James Garnett, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, offered his report covering the period October 1, 1933, up to and including September 30, 1934, and on his motion the same was referred to the Finance Committee. He had this to say in regards to the conduct of the Grand Treasurer's office: The total receipts for the year were listed as \$134,012.40; disbursements were \$187,880.29.

"The Constitution adopted in 1908 fixed the salary of the Grand Treasurer at \$500.00 per annum. Although the work and responsibility have increased materially since that time, the Grand Treasurer's compensation has not been changed. The Finance Committee, for many years, has annually appropriated, and the Grand Lodge has approved the allowance of the sum of \$25.00 each to compensate the four pay-masters, who bring the money to the Grand Secretary's office and pay the representatives their mileage and per diem instead of the Grand Secretary giving warrant to each of the representatives, and it also appropriates the sum of \$300.00 per annum to compensate the Grand Treasurer's bookkeeper for all the services rendered by him in keeping the Grand Treasurer's records. I have never asked to be reimbursed for the postage, stationery and office rent incurred by me, so that the total expense of the Grand Treasurer's Department aggregates only \$900.00 per annum. When the expense of the Grand Treasurer's office is deducted from the gross income collected from the above-mentioned reserve fund, it leaves a net balance of \$4,768.75.

"It will be observed that the Grand Treasurer's office is not only self-sustaining but out of the income from the fund built up by the Grand Treasurer \$4,768.75 over and above expenses of maintaining the Grand Treasurer's office remains in the general fund of the Grand Lodge."

#### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Brother Past Grand Master Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, submitted his report to the Grand Lodge, which upon motion, duly seconded, was referred to the Finance Committee.

#### SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

##### Lodges

Number of lodges reported October 1, 1933 .....	551
Charters arrested: Nos. 279, 361, 390, 619, 660 and 791 .....	6
Lodges consolidated: Nos. 17, 217 and 238; 158 and 461; 548 and 907; 283 and 758 .....	5
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Total number of lodges October 1, 1934 .....	540

Membership	
Members per returns, as of August 31, 1933 .....	50,085
Members initiated since last returns .....	582
Members admitted since last returns .....	304
Members reinstated since last returns .....	839
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Members demitted since last returns .....	1,725
Members suspended since last returns .....	386
Members expelled since last returns .....	7
Members died since last returns .....	739
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	4,945
Apparent loss .....	3,220
Present membership as shown by returns received .....	46,865
Free members .....	787

He reported the sale of defunct lodge property for which the Grand Lodge had received \$110.99.

As unfinished business, he listed some ten amendments to the Constitution, which were proposed at the 1933 communication of Grand Lodge, allowed to ride over until this Grand Session.

The accountant's Report shows a detailed report by the L. C. Barnett and Company, Public Accountants and Auditors, stating the fact that the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary had been duly audited and found to be correct.

#### ENTERTAINMENT AT THE HOME

Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick announced that an entertainment by the children of the Home would be given at 2:15 o'clock p. m., and that busses would be at the entrance of the building at 1 o'clock to transport those who desired to attend.

Past Grand Master James D. Black addressed the Grand Lodge briefly and recalled 46 years ago on October 18, 1888, he was installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

At 12 o'clock, Grand Master Dietzman called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, October 17.

#### SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1934

##### MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock by Most Worshipful Grand Master Judge Richard Priest Dietzman and prayer was offered by the Rt. Rev. Charles L. Graham, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master G. Allison Holland offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary caused E. D. Swimme and H. H. Moore to prepare a digest of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky from 1900 to the present time and said digest of the Proceedings has been published during the past two years, in the Masonic Home Journal, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors has caused this digest of Proceedings to be compiled and revised and is preparing to have same published in book form for the purpose of sale, and

WHEREAS, H. B. Grant published a similar book containing a record of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky from 1800 to 1900, which book is treasured as a valuable addition to the Masonic history of the state by those who possess it, and the proposed publication will be a continuation of that history and should be in the possession of every subordinate lodge in this state.

It is the purpose of the Board of Directors to sell this book when completed, at approximately the cost of binding and printing, but the exact price cannot be determined until the book is completed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Grand Secretary is authorized to and he will subscribe for six hundred copies of said book at the price fixed by the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, and the Grand Treasurer will pay for same when they are delivered. The Grand Secretary will cause one copy of said book to be delivered to the secretary of each subordinate lodge in the state and to each past grand master, and the secretary will preserve same as the property of said lodge. The remaining volumes so purchased by the Grand Secretary will be retained by him and when and as new charters are issued a copy thereof will be delivered to the lodge so organized.

Brother R. D. Willis, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, and J. R. Lowe, Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, each delivered brief addresses.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

Brother J. W. Ireland, chairman of the Committee on Necrology, offered the report of that committee, which was preceded by prayer by the Grand Chaplain, and singing of one stanza of "Nearer My God to Thee" by Brother Ireland. The report was adopted.

**PAST GRAND MASTER COWLES ADDRESSED GRAND LODGE**

Past Grand Master Captain John H. Cowles, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, A. & A. S. R. of the Southern Jurisdiction, addressed the Grand Lodge on International Masonry and condition of the Craft in Continental Europe. The address is as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Very Dear Brethren:

It is rather unexpected to be called up suddenly at this particular time, but I believe that, after all, the quickest and best way to accomplish what you desire, is to go to it in the most direct route possible, and use the most effective and persuasive way of accomplishing what you desire. I recall that last year, in one of our states—I will not tell which nor give the name of the brother—however, the incident to me bears a very good lesson with it. He is a blunt, straightforward, gruff sort of gentleman—generous, kind and takes an active part in all kind of philanthropic work. One thing that he dislikes more than anything else is “putting on airs,” as he calls it. Sometimes he speaks of it as an exhibition of snobbery. On this particular occasion, the citizens were making a drive for funds for some welfare work—I do not recall now just what it was—and connected with the drive was a lady who was deeply enthusiastic in the work. This lady had been very successful—at least her husband had—in his business and in his investments, and had accumulated a considerable fortune. He built a beautiful home, and the wife had a retinue of servants, while the gentleman in question had come up along the road of hard knocks and had also accumulated some possessions, but was not as wealthy as the lady or the lady's husband.

The success of the drive was so great that they decided to have a luncheon to celebrate their success. It happened that this gentleman and this lady were seated next to each other at the table, and she opened the conversation upon the subject of servants and the servant problem. She said, “Mr. Blank, I have so much trouble with my servants, I can't get them organized; they are in each other's way, I have so many of them. Now, there is my first butler; he is a very good butler in a way; he knows his duties, but he can't organize the other servants. And the second butler and the third butler likewise. And then there are the maids—the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth maids. They quarrel with each other as to who shall answer the doorbell, and who shall perform this service and the other service. Do you ever have any trouble with your servants, Mr. Blank?”

“No,” he said, “I never have any trouble.” (He kept no servants.)

"Well," she said, "you know the worst trouble I have is with my cook. I acquired the habit of having an early breakfast in my younger days (and she was a poor woman in her younger days). I can't get out of the habit of an early breakfast. I just can't get my cook up in the morning in time to get my breakfast early. Do you have any trouble in getting your cook up in the morning, Mr. Blank?"

To which he answered: "No, I have no trouble with her at all."

"Well," she said, "how do you get your cook up in the morning?"

"Well," he replied, "I just put both feet in the small of her back and push her out of the bed."

(Great laughter and applause.)

That is an effective way.

Of course, you all know, for you have heard me from time to time, that I am interested in the unity or the universality of this great institution of ours. There never was a greater opportunity presented to Freemasonry, nor a time in which there was a greater need for it than today. Unity is necessary for accomplishment, not only in our own country, but throughout the world.

I regret to say that in the last six months or a year, the most bitter and vicious attacks have been made upon this Fraternity of ours throughout the world, especially in Continental Europe, than at any time in the history of those countries. You understand that Masonry has been suppressed in Italy and Germany, and practically so in Austria, though they are still holding meetings in the latter country, but secretly to a very great extent.

The situation is practically the same in Portugal. I have recently received information that my correspondence with Masonic officials in Portugal must be sent in envelopes which have no emblems indicating that there is any Masonry connected with it.

In France, the opposition has grown greatly. Books have been written and scattered throughout the whole country, bitterly denouncing Freemasonry and charging it with all sorts of crimes. Airplanes have flown over the city of Paris and pamphlets by the thousands have been dropped upon the streets of that city, charging all sorts of crimes and misdemeanors to this institution of ours. It largely came about because of what is known as the Stavisky scandal. The charge that Stavisky was a member of the Craft is basely false. The failure of his bank and brokerage concern in Biarritz almost upset the government of France. Forty millions of francs were lost by this concern to the people of that country. So Masonry was charged with being

the cause. Masonry is charged with every conceivable crime in those countries of Europe—Continental Europe, particularly.

The situation in Spain, as perhaps you have read in the newspapers, is very serious. The Masons were charged at the beginning with burning the convents, the monasteries and the churches. There was not a word of truth in those charges. The fact of the matter was that the Masons, as individuals, were supporting the government to a man, and the government was headed by Zamora, who is a Roman Catholic.

Now, the Zamora government is still in control, and is supported by a coalition of parties, neither of which has a majority. These are in power at the present time. In the beginning, as stated a moment ago, the Masons were charged with being responsible for the burning of the convents and churches and expulsion of the Jesuits from the country.

The socialists and communists are charging the Masons with being responsible for the present unhappy conditions in that country, so that our brethren in those countries, no matter what happens or on which side, are made the goat, if it is possible to make them the goat.

The little country of Switzerland, the oldest republic in the world—the republic that has had liberty of conscience and freedom of speech longer than any other country—is sorely upset now by an organization known as the Socialists, though they are really communists or anarchists; and in that republic, if a certain number of signatures can be secured for the passage of a law, then the legislative body of that country must take some action. There has been a bitter fight carried on during the last several months to suppress Freemasonry in Switzerland, where it has always had perfect freedom, and they have more than enough signatures requesting the national government to suppress it. Our brethren there are very much concerned. It is for that reason, to a large extent, that the International Conference of Supreme Councils, which was to have been held in Havana, has been transferred to Brussels, Belgium, next year, and they are especially anxious for the Masons of the United States and Canada to be represented there, and I am pleased to say that both the Canadian and Supreme Councils of the United States are to be represented in order to see if we cannot assist them somewhat and in some way in their great difficulties.

It seems to me that Belgium at the present time is about the only one of those countries in which there is no direct opposition to this great institution of ours. It is a significant fact that Masonry flourishes where freedom of speech and conscience exist; and in those countries where communism and socialism exist, attempts are being made to suppress Masonry. It is prohibited in Russia, and, as I remarked a moment ago, suppressed

in Germany, Austria and Italy—the four countries in which there are absolute dictatorships and where they desire and are doing their utmost to keep the people in slavery and in ignorance.

I am very proud of this Grand Lodge of Kentucky. It is probable that no other Grand Lodge in the United States, unless perchance it is New York, is in relations of amity with so many Grand Lodges and Grand Orients throughout the world as this Grand Lodge of Kentucky. And you brethren have no idea how greatly that is appreciated—how much encouragement it gives to those people to carry on.

A few years ago, I received a cablegram from the Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Mexico that one of our brethren had been captured by the rebels and was in prison and was to be executed in a couple of days, and wanted to know if I could not help him in some way. I went to the Mexican Embassy, laid the matter before them, and they said, of course, "We cannot do anything—we represent the regular government; the Mexican rebel chieftains would pay no attention to us whatever."

I said, "Can you tell me where the Mexican general is at this time who has captured this brother of ours in Mexico?" and was informed that he was in Vera Cruz. I inquired whether it would complicate state matters any if I cabled this rebel general myself. The answer was, "No, go ahead." I cabled the Mexican general to the effect that he had captured one of our brethren and had him in prison and was going to execute him in a couple of days; that the prisoner was a member of the Supreme Council of Mexico and a brother Mason, and that we had great interest in him. I begged this general in the interest of humanity not to execute him, but to treat him as a prisoner of war. I had no idea that it would result in anything really, but in 24 hours I received a cablegram from this rebel general in which he said, "I, too, am a Mason. Our brother shall not be harmed." He was released shortly afterward.

Last January, I received a cable message stating that Brother Muffelmann, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Symbolic Masonry in Germany, and two other members of that Grand Lodge were in prison in Berlin and being harshly treated, and wanted to know if we could not help them in some way. I went to see the German Ambassador, and was referred to his secretary, who has charge of those affairs, and placed the matter before him, telling him that there were three million Masons in the United States, and a large number of them were either German or of German descent, and that I knew of nothing that was alienating the affections of these men in this country from their Fatherland more than the action of the Hitler government in its treatment of the Masons of that country. He said, "I will

report the matter to the Ambassador, and I am sure he will send it on." I learned shortly after that those three brethren were released, and in about four or five months later the secretary of the German Embassy called on me with a notice of their release and a statement that it was erroneous that they had been cruelly treated. As to that, I do not know.

There is nothing that has been done by the people of this country that has brought us closer and created a better feeling between our country and our brethren and the countries to the south of us than the fact that we are in relations of amity with so many of the grand symbolic bodies in the South American countries.

There have been erected three more Grand Lodges and a Grand Orient in Brazil—one in each of four states that are in relations of amity with the other Grand Lodges of Brazil, and two of them (one Grand Lodge and one Grand Orient) are carrying on very satisfactorily. They have the approval and endorsement of the Grand Lodges in Brazil with which the Grand Lodge of Kentucky is already in relations of amity. The other two, however, from the information I have received, are not thoroughly established yet, and it may be well to defer action on them until a future date.

Two of these are, the Grand Orient of Amazonas and Acre, of which Gaspar Antonio Vieira Guimaraes is Grand Master (address, P. O. Box 362, Manaos, Amazonas, Brazil), and the Grand Lodge of Pernambuco, of which Eugenio Paes Barreto is Grand Master, and Moyses Cicerio do Rego Gomes is Grand Secretary (address, Caixa Postal 483, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil).

The Grand Orient (*Grande Oriente do Amazonas e Acre*) stands high as one of the symbolic Grand Lodges of Brazil, and it practices the fundamentals that are the basis of Blue Lodge Masonry. It conforms to all the requirements as such. It has an asylum for the poor in Manaos and, besides, supports and assists in supporting other charitable institutions for the benefit of destitute classes and where they can find small but sure relief. Its lodges, especially those spread in the faraway regions of Acre, Purus, Jurua, Zapury and Madeira, maintain primary schools for children of Masons, but other children are permitted to attend them also.

This Grand Orient occupies a tremendous territory. We speak sometimes of the state of Texas being so large and covering as much as a large part of Europe. This state in which the Grand Orient of Amazonas and Acre is would make Texas look like Rhode Island to us. It is very sparsely settled, but these Masons maintain these schools. It is the only kind of school they can have, except those conducted by the Roman Church.

The Grand Lodge of Pernambuco also stands high, practices regular Masonry and is in relations, as I remarked a moment ago, with the other Grand Lodges. Pernambuco, as you know, is on the Atlantic Ocean and in the northern part of Brazil, and close, comparatively speaking, to our own country.

I offer the following resolution, and move its adoption:

Resolved, That the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to establish mutual relations of amity and an exchange of representatives with the following Grand Orient and Grand Lodge:

#### GRAND ORIENT OF AMAZONAS AND ACRE

Gaspar Antonio Vieira Guimaraes, Grand Master; Dr. Elviro Dantas Cavalcante, Grand Secretary. Address: Rua Leovegildo Coelho 22, or Caixa Postal (Postoffice Box) 362, Manaos, Amazonas, Brazil.

#### GRAND LODGE OF PERNAMBUCO

Eugenio Paes Barreto, Grand Master; Moyses Cicero do Rego Gomes, Grand Secretary. Address Caixa Postal 483, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil.

#### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Brother J. Weller Check, Past Master of Kilwinning Lodge No. 506 and chairman of this committee, made its report, which on motion was adopted.

#### COMMITTEE ON LODGES U. D.

The Committee on Lodges U. D., through its chairman, Brother Ray G. Tipton, reported that there were no designs upon the trestle board, no lodges having been organized during the year, and nothing having been referred to the Committee on Lodges U. D., and therefore had nothing to report. The other members on the committee were: W. F. Carnes and C. W. Briggs.

Past Grand Master Edwin C. Landberg moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourns tomorrow that it do so sine die and that the representatives be paid for three days' service. Motion was adopted.

#### COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

This committee, composed of Brothers John R. Yeager, Guy Johnson and W. B. Morris, submitted the report to Grand Lodge, which was adopted.

### EDUCATIONAL TRUSTEES

Brother T. W. Pennington, secretary of the Educational Trustees of Grand Lodge, offered the report, which upon motion was referred to the Finance Committee. This committee is composed of James H. Richmond, chairman; John T. Graves, treasurer; T. W. Pennington, secretary; John J. Howe; A. E. Orton; John W. Juett; John M. Yost.

A financial statement of the receipts and disbursements of the committee showed total receipts having been \$18,247.97. The disbursements, \$18,247.97.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The hour of eleven having arrived, the Constitutional time for holding the election, the Grand Lodge proceeded with this duty.

The Grand Master appointed as tellers, Brothers Hal Emerson, W. H. Tritt, J. I. Smith, George Blackford, D. Fred Worth and King Prewitt.

The election resulted as follows: Worshipful Grand Master, Hebbert Henderson, member O. D. Henderson Lodge No. 437; Deputy Grand Master, Hugh Moore, member of Franklin Lodge No. 28; Grand Senior Warden, Innes B. Ross, member of Dougherty Lodge No. 65; Grand Junior Warden, Dr. Starling P. Alderson, member of Russellville Lodge No. 17; Grand Treasurer, James Garnett, member of Columbia Lodge No. 96; Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick, member of Louisville Lodge No. 400.

Past Grand Master G. Allison Holland offered a resolution amending the Constitution with reference to consolidation of lodges, for Brother D. Fred Worth, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. The resolution read as follows:

Whereas, Under the existing Constitution and laws governing subordinate lodges, to consolidate two or more lodges requires that the charters of the lodges concerned must be cancelled and a new charter granted to the said lodge or lodges after such consolidation.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That paragraphs four, six and seven of Section 194, page 54, of present Constitution be changed to read as follows:

Paragraph (4) If all the lodges are agreed on the proposition the Grand Master shall be informed and he shall set a time and place of meeting to complete the consolidation. The consolidated lodge shall continue under the same name and number of the oldest lodge concerned and under the same charter originally granted to it.

Paragraph (6) The secretary of the consolidated lodge shall immediately report to the Grand Master the action hereinbefore indicated, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary a full transcript of the proceedings had in the lodges concerned, parties to the agreement including that of the consolidated lodge, relative to the consolidation, and also send to the Grand Secretary the charter, or charters and seals of the lodges concerned, save and except the charter and seal of the oldest of such lodges, which said charter shall remain and be in full force and effect and be the charter of the consolidated lodge or lodges, continuing under the same name and number of said charter.

Paragraph (7) The property of all the lodges in interest save and except the seals and charters of the youngest lodge or lodges concerned and consolidated as hereinbefore provided, shall at once become the property of the consolidated lodge.

#### COMMITTEE ON OUR HOMES

The report of the Committee on Our Homes, which was composed of J. D. Whiteaker, J. W. Gaines and J. C. Strange, was read by Brother Whiteaker for the committee, and the same, upon motion, duly seconded, was adopted.

Your Committee on Our Homes respectfully reports: That anything like a thorough examination of the affairs of the Homes by this committee would be difficult and we do not believe was contemplated, since they are in the hands of Boards of Directors of such approved wisdom, integrity and sound judgment, possessing in the highest degree the confidence of the Craft, that no concern is felt, nor doubt is entertained as to the welfare of their wards, and the conscientious and intelligent discharge of the duties imposed. These boards, actuated by the spirit of the genuine Mason, perform, with unfaltering fidelity, the trusts confided to them, and with diligent devotion their earnest labor of love for the widow and orphan and with equal zeal for the old and infirm brother Mason. In this splendid and self-sacrificing work they seem to not grow tired. They share with the Masonic heart of this great state the increasing demand which these magnificent institutions are making upon generous love and watchful care. Your committee feels that the Grand Lodge is to be congratulated in the efficiency of its noble Boards of Directors, as their management indicate.

While the individual members of your committee visited both Homes at other times, we made an official visit on September 19th, without announcing our coming. After a thorough inspection of every department—school rooms, dormitories, dining rooms, kitchen and work shops, led by our worthy superintendents, we are pleased to report all departments in fine condition. From reliable information, as well as from personal investigation,

we find that the managements of "Our Homes" have each well sustained their reputation for economy and care in the conduct of these institutions, of which all Kentucky Masons are justly proud. We find nothing to criticize, but cheerfully recommend that the superintendents, with their excellent wives as matrons, who have charge of these Homes, be commended for their pains—taking care in making these institutions Homes indeed, and recommend that they be continued in the supervision of same. In a rather thorough inspection of the various departments we were agreeably surprised at the superiority displayed—for instance, the kitchens with their sanitary storage rooms, refrigerators, etc. The infirmaries with their splendid equipment, in fact, every department surprised us, but perhaps the greatest of all came in the various school rooms, where a principal with a corps of splendidly prepared teachers, who seem to have had a vision that the world has been educating the mind for ages rather than the soul; that there is a vast amount of training for money-making and fame-getting, and too little training for character and duty-doing; that we are setting before the students in public school and college the winning of a worldly career but not the winning of God's approval and of eternal life. We had thus put last things first, and had thus insured failure for the children while we thought we were insuring their success; that the present insistence on religious education has far too often led toward the same fundamental error, being content with a knowledge of Bible facts and not seeking primarily the practicing of Bible precepts. These school officials encouraged us because we believe that the best training for life's work comes from contact with noble Christian workers and teachers. If all that have to do with the young will look first to the strengthening and enriching of their characters, while not, of course, forgetting their mental training, they will do the most for the coming generation and for the world.

The inmates of the Old Masons' Home taken collectively are happier than we anticipated. There is an occasional complaint which emphasizes the well-known fact that those who are in advanced life lack the impetuosity of youth, its high aspirations, its enthusiasms, its lofty ambitions, its absence of self-seeking, its disinterestedness, its belief in itself, its hope—hope of tomorrow, hope for the years which are coming, hope of the better things which lie beyond. Superintendent Scearce stresses two needs of the Old Masons' Home: (1) Increased revenue to provide for an increased number of inmates; (2) A better water supply. While your committee recognized that these demands are meritorious and it hopes that provision will be made for them, either through the Grand Lodge or the Board of Directors of the Home,

it does not feel constrained to make suggestions as to how this may be done.

We recommend that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to the members of the medical fraternity who have so unselfishly and lovingly answered every call made on them, day or night, to relieve in every way in their power the sickness of the occupants of our Homes and for which we are informed they have made no charge.

Brethren, in conclusion, we recommend and urge that as far as possible every member of our Craft visit "Our Homes," and when opportunity offers, make it known to the various members of the Boards of Directors, the superintendents, matrons, teachers and others who serve under them, that we appreciate the splendid efforts made for the good of all who live in "Our Homes."

At 12 o'clock, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 1:30 o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 1:30 o'clock p. m., and immediately following, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was presented to the Grand Lodge by Past Grand Master Charles S. Rankins. This report was adopted.

Past Grand Master James Garnett then offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, The world is passing through a most distressing period and those of us who are fortunate enough to live in America do not fully understand how our brethren are suffering in those countries where freedom of speech, freedom of thought and freedom of action are denied;

Masons have, by some governments, been forbidden to practice principles of the order through their organized lodge. The fundamental principles of freedom of thought and freedom of speech are denied Masons in other countries.

We believe that if this world is to be saved from the great depression it must be done on the principle of brotherhood.

Therefore, We feel that the Masons in other countries can render great service if given the opportunity to do so, and it is resolved by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky that the sympathy of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be extended to the brethren who are deprived of their rights and we request those in authority throughout the world to extend to the members of this Fraternity the privilege of practicing and applying the principles of Masonry throughout organized lodges.

### COMMITTEE ON APPEALS

Brother Henderson G. Hightower, chairman of this committee, made the report, which was adopted. In this report, the committee recommended that one, I. Edward Clarke, who had been expelled from the lodge for unmasonic conduct in 1928, be restored to good standing as it was the opinion of the committee that the sentence was unduly severe.

The Committee on Visitors composed of J. M. Cochran, S. S. Pinney, and A. W. Whitehead presented a report through Brother Cochran to the Grand Lodge, and same was adopted.

At 3 o'clock p. m., Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock Thursday morning, October 18, 1934.

### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1934

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock by Grand Master Judge Richard Priest Dietzman, and prayer was offered by Grand Chaplain.

Brother Isaac T. Woodson, Grand Master of the Grand Consistory of Kentucky, extended an invitation to members of Grand Lodge to a New Year's reception which was to be tendered January 1, 1935, to Grand Master Hebbert Henderson, to take place at the Scottish Rite Temple, Brook and Gray Streets, Louisville, Ky.

### FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

Brother George C. Stahel, chairman of the Finance Committee, made the report, which upon motion was duly adopted. Other members of the committee were Joe H. Ewalt and Isaac T. Woodson.

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee was submitted to the Grand Lodge by Past Grand Master Charles Rankins, and same was adopted.

Following the adoption of the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, Past Grand Master James Garnett, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, offered the following amendment to Section 140 of the Constitution which when amended would read as follows:

If any lodge shall fail to comply with any provision of Section 138-139 or 146, it shall immediately be charged with a fine of \$5.00 to be due and payable at once, and in addition thereto said lodge shall be charged one-half of one per cent per month on all unpaid sum or sums until same is paid. If the fine and interest aforesaid are not paid by January 1st, next thereafter, the Grand Master shall forthwith arrest the charter of such delinquent lodge.

### CHECKS PRESENTED

Brother Earl L. Wolff, president of the St. John's Day League, presented to Grand Treasurer James Garnett a check for \$1,265.00 for the use of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home; to Brother Sam K. Veach, president of the Old Masons' Home, he presented a check for \$635.00 to be used for that Home; and to Brother J. Weller Check, secretary-treasurer of the Masonic Board of Relief, Jefferson County, a check for \$500.00.

These donations were made possible from the funds realized from the annual picnic conducted by the St. John's Day League affair.

Brother Lee A. Scearce, Superintendent of the Old Masons' Home, invited the lodges of the state, through their representatives, to come to the Home and hold divine services.

The Grand Secretary presented a quit-claim deed to a certain parcel of ground in Mayslick, Mason County, Ky., from the Grand Lodge to Dr. M. H. Davis, and asked the approval of the Grand Lodge. On motion, duly seconded, the Grand Lodge approved the conveyance of said property.

Past Grand Master Garnett moved that a vote of appreciation be given Mrs. Woodruff for furnishing flowers each day to the Grand Lodge.

### APPOINTMENTS

Brother Fred W. Hardwick announced the appointment of Brother Alex M. Woodruff as Assistant Grand Secretary. Grand Lodge approved this appointment.

The Grand Master, Hebbert Henderson, announced the following appointments:

Grand Chaplain, Rev. Joe Berry (164); Grand Senior Deacon, Henry Black (137); Grand Junior Deacon, Edward R. Hinkle (638); Grand Marshal, George C. Stahel (345); Grand Sword Bearer, Clarence E. Tyree (684); Grand Pursuivant, C. E. Peterson (500); Grand Tiler, W. H. Hawes (760).

### COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence—Henry P. Barret, Jerusalem No. 9; Hanson Peterson, St. Andrews No. 18; Orie S. Ware, Covington No. 109.

Appeals—Otto C. Martin, Hartford No. 675; Virgil P. Smith, Somerset No. 111; Proctor K. McElroy, Lebanon No. 87.

Finance—Joe H. Ewalt, Paris No. 2; Isaac T. Woodson, Daylight No. 760; C. W. Bridges, Hickman No. 131.

Credentials—C. P. Henry, Highland No. 311; G. W. Stewart, Germantown No. 207; Jason Wesley, Franklin No. 28.

By-Laws—Guy T. Johnson, Lexington No. 1; J. C. Gabbard, Berea No. 617; John R. Yeager, Franklin No. 28.

Our Homes—J. D. Whiteaker, Greenville No. 655; J. T. T. Hourigan, Lebanon No. 87; Wm. S. Broaddus, Richmond No. 25.

Visitors—J. M. Cochran, Maysville No. 52; Geo. W. Krauth, Eminence No. 282; T. B. Mathers, Dougherty No. 65.

Lodges U. D.—John Logan Rees, Golden Rule No. 345; R. E. Day, Morrison No. 76; John R. Murphy, Mt. Vernon No. 14.

Necrology—J. W. Ireland, Henry Barnes No. 607.

Other Grand Lodges—W. W. Clarke, Owensboro No. 130.

Biography—Hugh S. Young, Bell No. 691.

Publicity—Frank S. Moses, Louisville No. 400.

Educational Trustees—James H. Richmond, Lewis No. 191; John M. Yost, Thomas C. Cecil No. 375; Dr. John W. Juett, Eminence No. 282; John T. Graves, Landmark No. 41; A. E. Orton, Dawson Springs No. 628; John J. Howe, Carrollton No. 134; T. W. Pennington, Lincoln No. 60.

### INSTALLATION

The elective and appointive Grand Officers were impressively installed by Past Grand Master Dietzman, with the exception of Brother Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary, who will be installed sometime during the month of January, 1935. He was ably assisted in this ceremony by Past Grand Master Juett, who acted as Grand Marshal.

The roll of Foreign Representatives was read by the Grand Secretary and welcomed to the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master, who requested each and every one to write the Grand Lodge of whom he is the representative and extend to them the felicitations of this Grand Lodge.

### PRESENTATIONS

To the Grand Master—

A gavel made by the boys of the Home, by Past Grand Master Garnett.

By Brother Ray G. Tipton, a basket of flowers from his home lodge, O. D. Henderson No. 437.

By Past Grand Master Dietzman, in his own behalf, a beautiful basket of flowers.

By Brother McElmurray, an enclosed package (contents unknown) by Mrs. Redding.

Past Grand Master Garnett offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Be It Resolved, That the Grand Lodge express its appreciation and the appreciation of all the Masons of Kentucky to Judge Richard Priest Dietzman, retiring Grand Master, for the faithful, efficient and diligent manner in which he has so successfully discharged the duties of Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary, in a very pleasing manner, presented to retiring Grand Master, Brother Richard Priest Dietzman, a past grand master's jewel, which was accepted by Brother Dietzman in a most happy manner.

Following this presentation, the roll of lodges was called, after which there being no further business before the Grand Lodge, it was closed in ample form at 11:30 a. m., with prayer by the Rt. Rev. Joe Berry, Grand Chaplain.

HEBBERT HENDERSON, Grand Master.

FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary.

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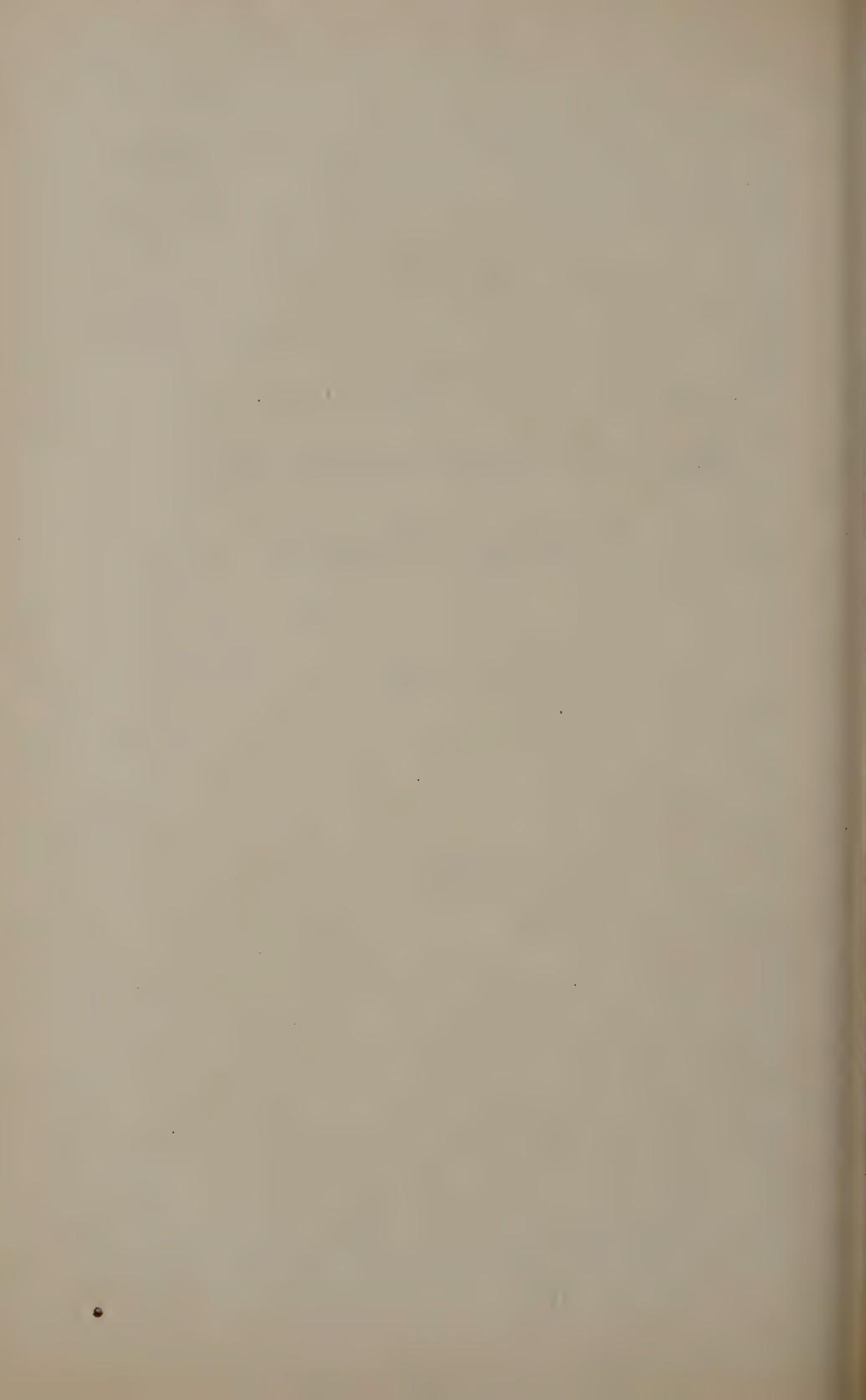
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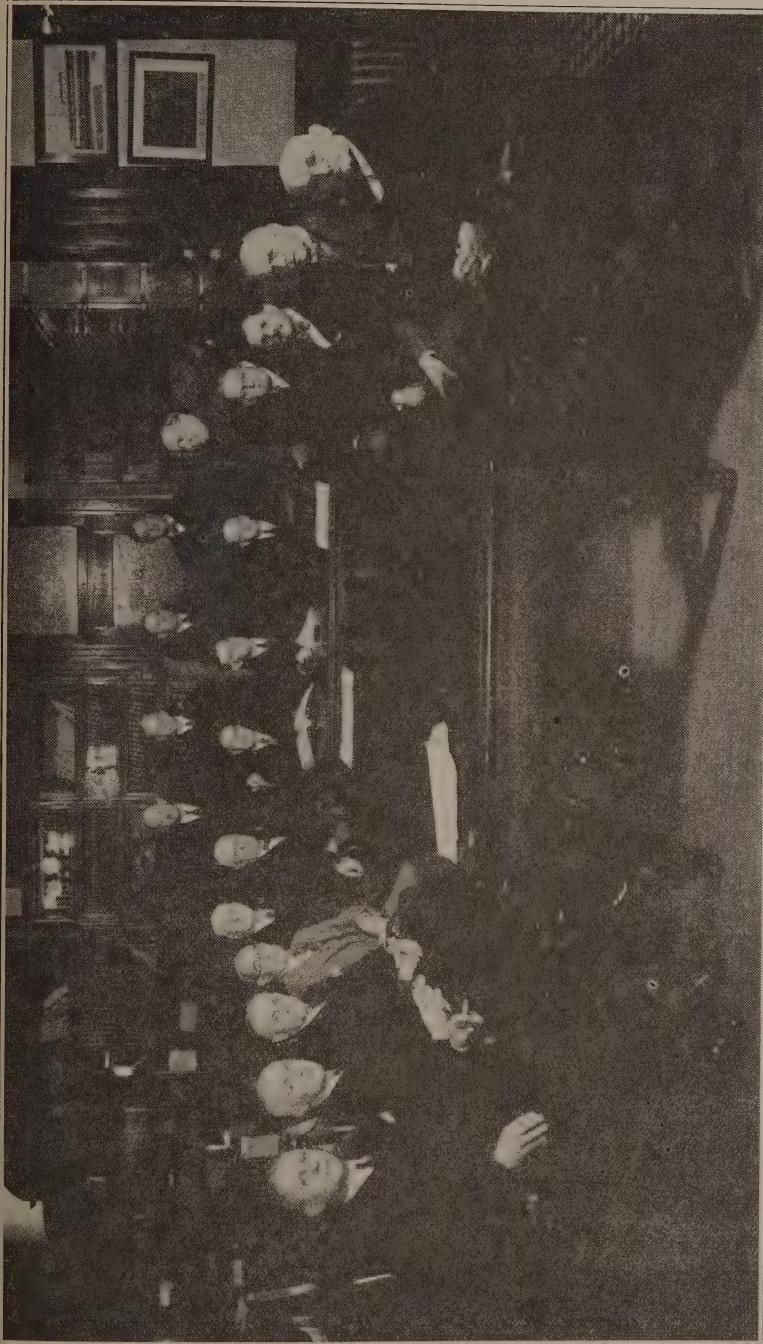
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MASONIC WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' HOME — 1934

Standing left to right: Grand Junior Warden S. P. Alderson; Grand Senior Warden I. B. Ross; Grand Master Hebbert Henderson; Deputy Grand Master Hugh Moore; P. G. M. Henry Barrett.

Seated left to right: Fred A. Kraich; J. T. O'Neal; P. G. M. Frank D. Bash; John S. Akers; P. G. M. T. J. Adams; Henry Vogt; P. G. M. Fred W. Hardwick; P. G. M. James Garnett; I. T. Woodson; John M. Scott; P. G. M. Richard P. Dietzman; Thomas A. Crawford; and William C. Gibson. S. P. Browning not present.



# HISTORY OF THE MASONIC WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' HOME AND INFIRMARY

1869-1934

By Miss Ruth Willis

Among the various peoples of the world, the white race is distinguished by the care it bestows upon its dependents; and it is conceded that the inhabitants of the western hemisphere are especially thoughtful of the less fortunate members of society. There are social, religious, and fraternal organizations throughout the world which tend to bind groups of society more closely together. The Masonic Order has been an unexcelled example of such a body in many countries, especially in our own state—Kentucky.

The “trail blazers” and pioneers of the “Dark and Bloody Ground” not only established a civilization in this frontier country, but carried into it the institution of Masonry from the Tidewater and Atlantic Foothills. Even before statehood was granted Kentucky she had a number of well-organized Masonic lodges, and this fraternal body continued to grow despite many Indian raids, plagues, and war.

As a result of the Civil War, which had shaken the social structure of this state and divided families and religious bodies, the idea was conceived of building a home to care for destitute families of deceased Masons. It was realized that the great cataclysm had left many needy widows and orphans of those who had fought on the North and the South, but all of whom were Masonic brothers.

Historic records show that on November 23, 1866, a small number of Masons met at Fourth and Green Streets in response to an urgent call sent out by Thomas Dasler, J. V. Cowling, Sr., Wm. Cromie, C. H. Finck, E. Richardson, T. S. Lockerman, and H. Hudson. This group adopted the following resolution: “Resolved, That we agree to form ourselves into a society for the purpose of erecting in or near the city of Louisville a Masonic Widows and Orphans’ Home and Infirmary.” According to the history of H. B. Grant, the idea was originated in the mind of Dr. A. Given, an ex-army surgeon. Since he was not a present or past master, the petition was given to Dr. Richardson who revised and presented it to the above-named group of men. The first subscription was made at this meeting by Mr. C. Henry Finck, who gave the liberal sum of one thousand dollars. A committee was appointed to secure a charter for the proposed Home.

That document incorporating the Home was obtained in January, 1867. Following its provisions, a Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and a Board of Directors was elected. In addressing the Grand Lodge Representatives in 1868, Grand Master Elisha S. Fitch highly commended the proposed Home to the care of individual Masons and lodges. At the Grand Lodge session held the following year, a committee recommended that each lodge in the state identify itself with the institution in order that it might really be "The Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home of Kentucky." The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hails with pleasure the prospect of the speedy erection within her jurisdiction of a Home for the destitute widows and orphans of our Order, and that we will not cease in our efforts for its establishment until it is completed and ready to receive under its sheltering care and protection those who are now suffering for want of such a home."

Mr. T. T. Shreve donated about two and one-half acres of land on which to erect the Home. This plot of land was located north of Avery Avenue and extended from First to Second Streets. The Directors later purchased additional lots adjoining the property donated. Contributions were solicited throughout the city and state by Past Grand Master Sadler and Mr. Cowling. They succeeded in raising a subscription by life and active membership, amounting to about \$30,000.

During the session of Grand Lodge in October, 1869, the representatives met, and with impressive ceremonies laid the cornerstone. Thus in a cornfield, amid a blinding snowstorm, was begun the erection of the first Home of its kind in the world.

Past Grand Master Fitch, who officiated at the laying of the cornerstone, commenced an active canvass of individuals and Masonic bodies in the early part of the year. He secured subscriptions amounting to more than \$20,000. The first Masonic body to respond to this canvass was Preston Lodge No. 281. "Some time during the winter of '68 and '69 the ladies of the city organized the 'Ladies' Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home Society' for the purpose of raising money to increase the building fund. Mrs. Susan P. Hepburn was president, and this group added upwards of \$12,000 by holding fairs, bazaars, etc."

The Herculean efforts put forth by the fraternity of Louisville, after the laying of the cornerstone, to build the north wing of the Home was amazing. It was thought by many that it would be impossible to raise a sufficient amount; but with strong hearts, willing hands, and unbounded faith they went to work, and succeeded. "In one year the north wing was erected, and at a meeting of the Grand Lodge on the eighteenth of October in 1870, that part of the building was dedicated with the

solemn and impressive ceremonies of the Order, Grand Master Charles Eginton officiating."

On the seventh day of April, 1871, the doors of the Home were opened for the reception of inmates. Mrs. Josephine Atkins, of Uniontown, Ky., was selected as the first Matron, and continued in that capacity until the close of the year. On January 1, 1872, Past Grand Master Fitch was elected Superintendent and Mrs. Fitch as Matron. After the resignation of Superintendent and Mrs. Fitch the Directors appointed the head teacher, Mrs. Martha Eubank, Matron, until the vacancy of Superintendent could be filled. In the fall of 1873, Dr. A. S. Newton was selected as Superintendent and Mrs. Eubank, or "Aunt Martha" as she was affectionately known to all, continued as Matron. Dr. Newton lived only a few months and "Aunt Martha" was forced to resign in 1874 because of ill health.

The first child received was a ward of Falls City Lodge No. 376—a little girl named Minnie Williams, who came on the twentieth of the following May. Bostwick Lodge No. 508 sent the first widow to the Home: Mrs. Mary Fossett, with her three children, was received on February 13, 1874; she had the honor of being a resident of both the "Old" and the "New" Homes, as her death did not occur till August 1, 1928. The next widow was Mrs. Martha Jones, who came with her two little girls on June 4, 1874. "Mammy Jones" as she was lovingly referred to by all the children, was quite a capable woman, being especially competent as a helper with the sick. In old copies of the Home Journal her name is mentioned as the one who nursed the children who had contagious diseases. Up to the time of her death, November 14, 1920, few former residents visited the Home without calling for "Mammy Jones."

The Grand Lodge of 1870 adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That at and after the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge the Grand Treasurer be authorized to appropriate and pay over to the Treasurer of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary the remaining thirty cents of each dollar of dues actually paid in by said subordinates, in aid of the Endowment Fund of said institution until further orders of this Grand Lodge."

In compliance with this resolution, the Grand Treasurer paid to the Treasurer of the Home \$5,912.40 the following year. This was the first donation the Home received from the Grand Lodge. In 1872, to further aid in the maintenance of the institution, the various Masonic bodies of Louisville inaugurated an observance of St. John's Day. The first celebration netted the Home more than \$4,000.

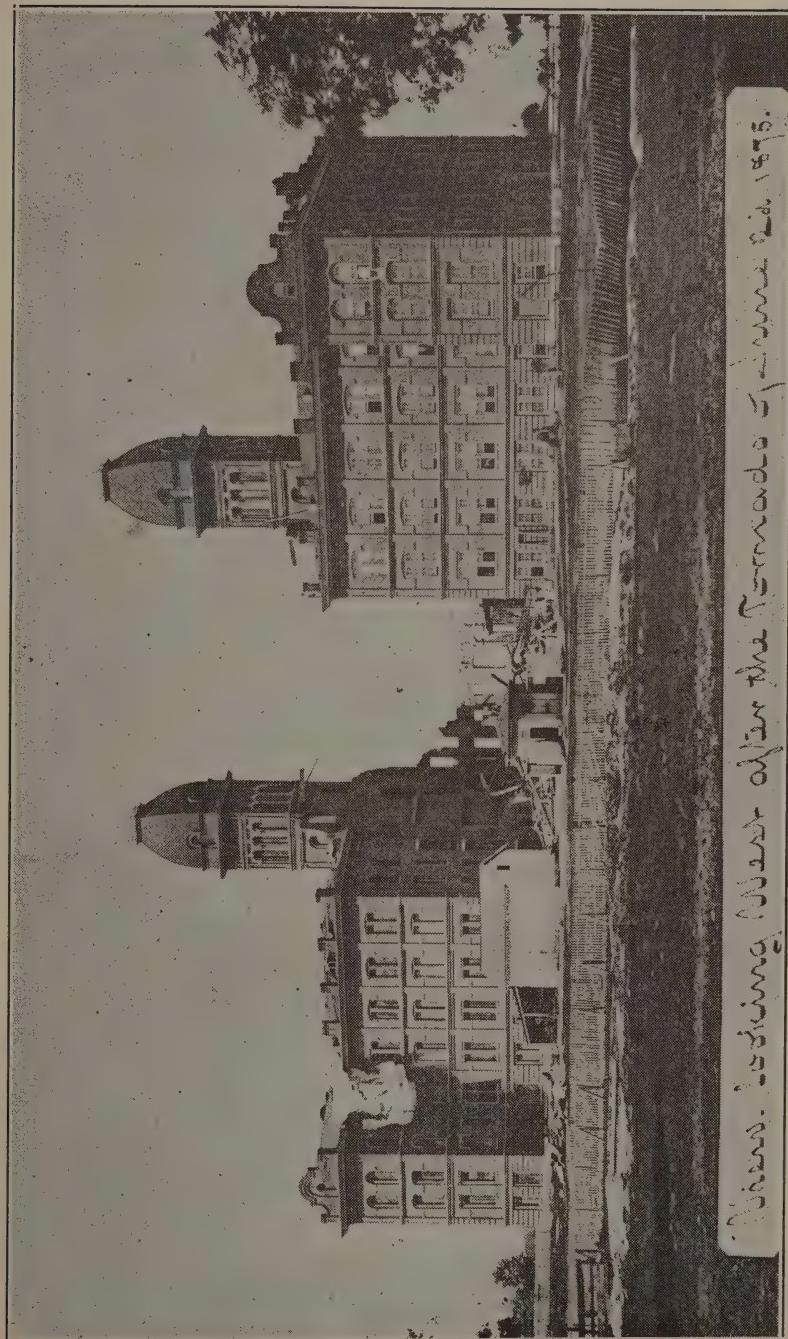
On Thursday, October 22, 1874, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky immortalized itself by making the munificent gift of

\$78,500 to the Endowment Fund of the Home. On that occasion, the Finance Committee reported that the Grand Lodge had an invested fund of \$108,777.50. The following is an interesting section of the report of this committee: "But why this accumulation of money, and what shall we do with it? A ready, prompt, and proper response is easily given. Just within the city limits stands our Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, the north wing of the building completed, furnished, and filled by one hundred and fifty beneficiaries left by our departed brothers to our fostering care, and demanding from us the sustenance to which they are entitled at our hands. This building is unfinished and unendowed. The Craft throughout the United States, and in fact the entire world, is watching our progress in the noble work, ready to follow in our footsteps if we succeed; while the enemies of our grand old Order are also watching us with jealous eyes, ready to laugh us to scorn if we fail. In order to prevent failure and make this noble work a success, there must be heavy contributions from the Craft. What better mode for the Craft to make contributions than to donate to the Home the vast accumulations of the Grand Lodge? None better occurs to your committee, and no better use can be found for this money than to relieve the wants of the widows and orphans of our dead. To the Home this money, or rather the bulk of it, should go. We therefore recommend that the appropriation be made."

The Grand Lodge adopted the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and the Grand Treasurer, A. G. Hodges, transferred the \$78,500 in mortgage bonds bearing 8% interest to the Endowment Fund of the Home. The income from these bonds plus an annual appropriation of \$3,720 amounted to \$10,000 a year.

The Masonic Fraternity took up the work of completing the Home with revived interest, since it had been convinced that the project was a success. In 1875, just as the work was nearing completion, the entire center of the main building and the towers were completely demolished by a cyclone; fortunately none of the residents were injured in this disaster. A loss of approximately \$30,000 was entailed; but the circumstance seemed only to give to the Masons of Kentucky renewed energy, and soon every brick and stone was replaced. The subscription raised at a public meeting in the city of Louisville was practically sufficient to rebuild the wrecked section of the structure.

During the Grand Lodge session of 1878, the building in its entirety was dedicated. That occasion was recorded as one of the most impressive that had ever occurred in the history of Masonry in Kentucky. A great crowd of people, including over one thousand Masons, was in attendance when the building was presented for dedication by T. L. Jefferson, Sr., President of the Board of Directors. He spoke in part as follows: "We hail this

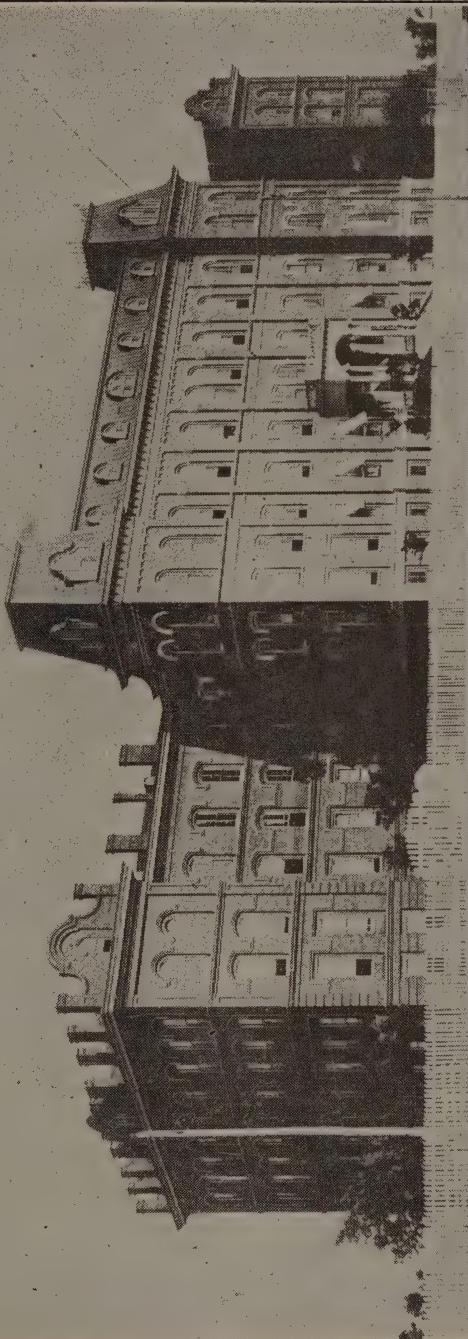


RESULT OF THE TORNADO, JUNE 22, 1875

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THE FIRST MASONIC HOME





auspicious day as one long to be remembered by the Masonic Fraternity. A day which shall be chronicled as an event of momentous import to the philanthropist; an event of deepest interest, not only to those now present with us, but to those that will doubtless add to the cheer, hope and comfort of hundreds, yes, thousands, in years to come. For ages past, Masonic dedication of public buildings has been customary. Today it has been delegated to me by my associate Directors, who are intrusted with the management and control of one of the greatest charities of the age, to present to you, and in their name through you to the Masons of Kentucky, this large edifice erected by their liberality for consecration to God and the sacred cause of charity—to dry the widow's tear and hush the orphan's wail. We now present to you for dedication this monument of fraternal love of those who have thus tried to fulfill their oft-repeated vow—to care for the widow and the orphan—by the erection and completion of this Home."

A part of the Grand Master's reply follows: "It may be asked, 'What mean these extensive buildings, this large assembly?' It all means that there is in Kentucky Masonry a real charity; it means that as far as we are concerned our charity shall no longer be hidden under a cloak, and that this edifice stands as a monument to the generosity of Kentucky Masonry. It means more by far: it means that the widow and the orphan have a home prepared for them; and this large assembly means that we have come here today to celebrate the completion and dedication of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home of Kentucky with becoming ceremonies to the glorious purpose for which it is intended. The Mother Grand Lodge of the Mississippi Valley has proved to the world that a systematic charity is not only possible, but desirable. Here we gather the orphans and the widows of loved brethren, and in obedience to our voluntary obligations we feed and clothe them, and protect them from the many evils that throng around the destitute and unprotected, which is almost impossible except in a systematized charity like this. But we go farther than all this; we educate the children and fit them for stations in life oft-times far above those which they would reach were it not for the benevolence of Masonry. Then is not such a systematized charity really honorable to God and creditable to Masonry? Henceforth this is our Mt. Moriah; this is our Temple, sacred to Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth."

According to Grant's History, a financial crisis in the Home was reached in 1876, as a result of the tornado and the erection of the south wing of the building. An appeal was made to Grand Lodge for assistance, and after much deliberation by that body, an assessment was made of "one dollar per capita per annum for five years on the Masons of Kentucky." The records show

that before this appeal was made the Treasurer of the Home, George C. Buchanan had personally advanced sums amounting to \$10,000 to meet expenses.

In the succeeding years the Home seems to have progressed rapidly. The school was organized (a chapter on education occurs elsewhere in this volume), the Home Journal established, practical industries—such as shoemaking and repairing, chair caning, sewing, cooking, canning, gardening, carpet weaving, etc., were taught. By the introduction of these industries it was possible for a number of years to keep the per capita cost within \$100.

Religious training was also an important factor in the Home program. A prayer service was held every morning for the entire membership. On each Sunday morning there was a Sunday School, and in the afternoon a religious service was sponsored by the various lodges of the city and adjoining counties. A Christian Endeavor was organized in the early years of the Home. The name of W. B. Carter, who was Superintendent of the Sunday School for forty-five years, is lovingly remembered by hundreds of girls and boys.

Records show that the position of nurse was created in 1880, and Miss Amanda Murphy, a former Home girl, was appointed to that position. Several years later, "Dr. Murphy", as she was referred to by the children, married, and Mary E. Jones, another Home girl, was given her place. After five years of service Miss Jones also married. The first registered nurse, Miss Annie Davies, was appointed. Miss Davies gave most efficient service in this position from 1890 till her death at the Home in 1929. On account of the increasing number of children and widows, it was necessary to employ another nurse in 1911. Mrs. Mary Jones Miller (nee Mary E. Jones), who had lost her husband, was again chosen as assistant nurse, and she has held that position continuously to the present time.

From the time the Home was established until 1907 there were eleven Superintendents. Their periods of service were as follows:

Past Grand Master E. S. Fitch, January 1872-1873.

Dr. A. S. Newton, Fall of 1873 to February 1874.

Dr. J. H. Wheeler, March 1874 to January 1876.

Dr. J. W. Robb, January 1876 to —— 1878.

Mr. Jas. H. Branham, —— 1879 to —— 1880.

Past Grand Master E. S. Fitch, April 1880 to March 1883.

Rev. J. B. Tharp, March 1883 to November 1884.

Mr. Geo. S. White, Fall of 1884 to May 1891.

Past Grand Master C. S. Johnson, June 1891 to December 1894.

Mr. James D. Lewis, December 1894 to November 1896.

Mr. Isaac A. Kelly, November 1896 to May 1907.

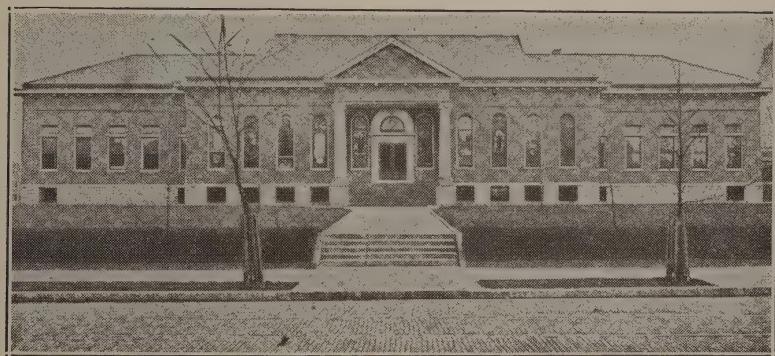


MISS ANNA DAVIES



MRS. MARY JONES MILLER





THE FIRST CHAPEL AND SCHOOL



Dr. C. E. Dunn, one of the Directors, had charge of the Home after the death of Superintendent Kelly until Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Adams were selected as the Superintendent and Matron (June 1-October 1). During the regime of Mr. and Mrs. Adams, many improvements were made. A rapid increase in the number of wards made it necessary to erect additional buildings, and to systematize the Industrial Departments. A new Home was built, equipped, and occupied during their administration from October 1907 to October 1930.

In 1906, the Board of Directors found it necessary to erect a new building containing a chapel and schoolrooms. This was completed and dedicated in May 1907. The following year a building was erected to accommodate the industries of the Home; it was divided into three departments, one containing the printing office, one the shoemaking department, and the other the woodwork department.

An important addition to the facilities of the Home was the annex erected to the southwest part of the main building. This modern structure was to be used for the comfort of the old ladies of the Home. Each widow was allowed a private room, and spacious porches also added to their pleasure.

The Golden Anniversary of the Kentucky Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home was observed by the Board of Directors and a number of friends at a meeting in the Asylum of DeMolay Commandery No. 12, Knight Templar, on February 1, 1917. Mr. John L. Wheat, who for the entire fifty years of the Home's existence had been a Director, discussed the Home from the beginning to that time. He gave the names of the first Directors as follows:

J. D. Guthrie, President, Thomas L. Jefferson, David L. Beatie, Theodore Schwartz, C. Henry Finck, Thomas L. Sadler, William Cromie, E. Richardson, John W. Ganz, Charles G. Davidson, S. J. Hare, George W. Wicks, John V. Cowling, L. B. Porch, and John L. Wheat. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Board were H. B. Grant and J. S. McCorkle, respectively.

Grand Master James Saunders introduced Past Grand Master James Garnett, one of the Directors, as a "practical prophet" who could best predict the future of the Home. Following is an extract from General Garnett's vision: "I predict that long before the end of another half century we will see a modern plant here in Louisville, which will include a modern infirmary where the sick and afflicted may go to receive the attention of your skilled physicians and surgeons. I expect to see two dormitories instead of one—one for the boys and one for the girls. I hope to see on the plot of ground on Second Street a great industrial school with all modern equipment, so that each girl and boy can have full industrial and vocational training. I hope

to see the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky on those grounds, and a chapel that can be used by the Grand Lodge at its annual communications, and in the center of this group of buildings a great heating and power plant to furnish heat, light, and power to all departments. Now you may think that I am exceeding the speed limit in that prediction, but I want to assure you that I am not. A complete modern plant of the kind I have suggested could be erected for a million dollars. That is some money, but the Masons of Kentucky are able to raise the million, and after the plant is completed take care of it with assessments and contributions."

This astounding idea expressed by General Garnett was not impromptu, but had received his deliberate attention, and was the initial thought which culminated in the "Little City Beautiful".

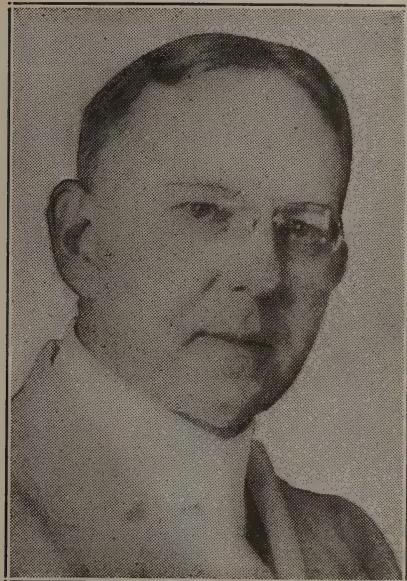
In 1918, on account of the influenza epidemic, the communication of Grand Lodge was postponed from the regular meeting date in October to December. The Home was rapidly becoming inadequate to care for the many children who were rendered fatherless and in many cases homeless by the terrible epidemic and the World War. At this Grand Lodge session, Past Grand Master Garnett, realizing the above facts, introduced the following resolution: "Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Grand Master to devise plans and carry on a campaign for the purpose of raising a million dollars, to be paid in not exceeding ten equal installments, and when sufficient money has been subscribed, the Board of Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home then in office will select plans and specifications which they will present to the Grand Lodge for its approval or rejection."

The resolution was adopted, and Grand Master Wm. Carson Black appointed the following group, known as the "Million Dollar Committee":

G. Allison Holland, Chairman, A. R. Kimmerling, Secretary, W. S. Black, Treasurer, H. M. Grundy, Wm. Ward Duffield, and George Atkinson succeeded by Frank D. Rash, and John F. Coldiron succeeded by A. Gordon Sulser.

That committee assured the Grand Master and the Home Board that it entered the work whole-souled and meant to raise the money as soon as possible. It further stated that each member of every lodge throughout the state would be solicited to do his part. At a meeting held in the office of the Chairman in Lexington, Kentucky, the state was divided into five districts. One member of the committee was assigned as sponsor of each section. From that time the "Million Dollar Committee" was earnestly at work with dauntless courage and loyalty to the cause.

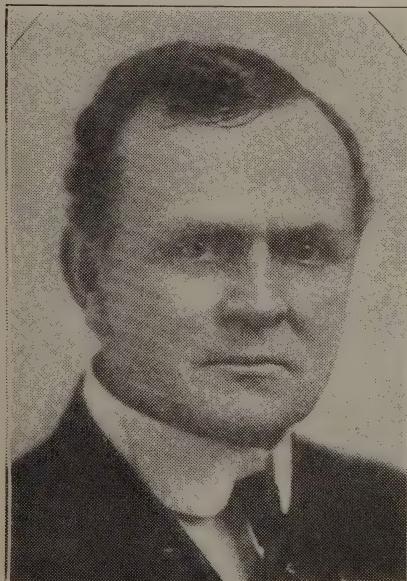
NEW HOME BUILDING COMMITTEE



JOHN M. SCOTT  
Member of Committee



P. G. M. JAMES GARNETT  
Chairman Building Committee

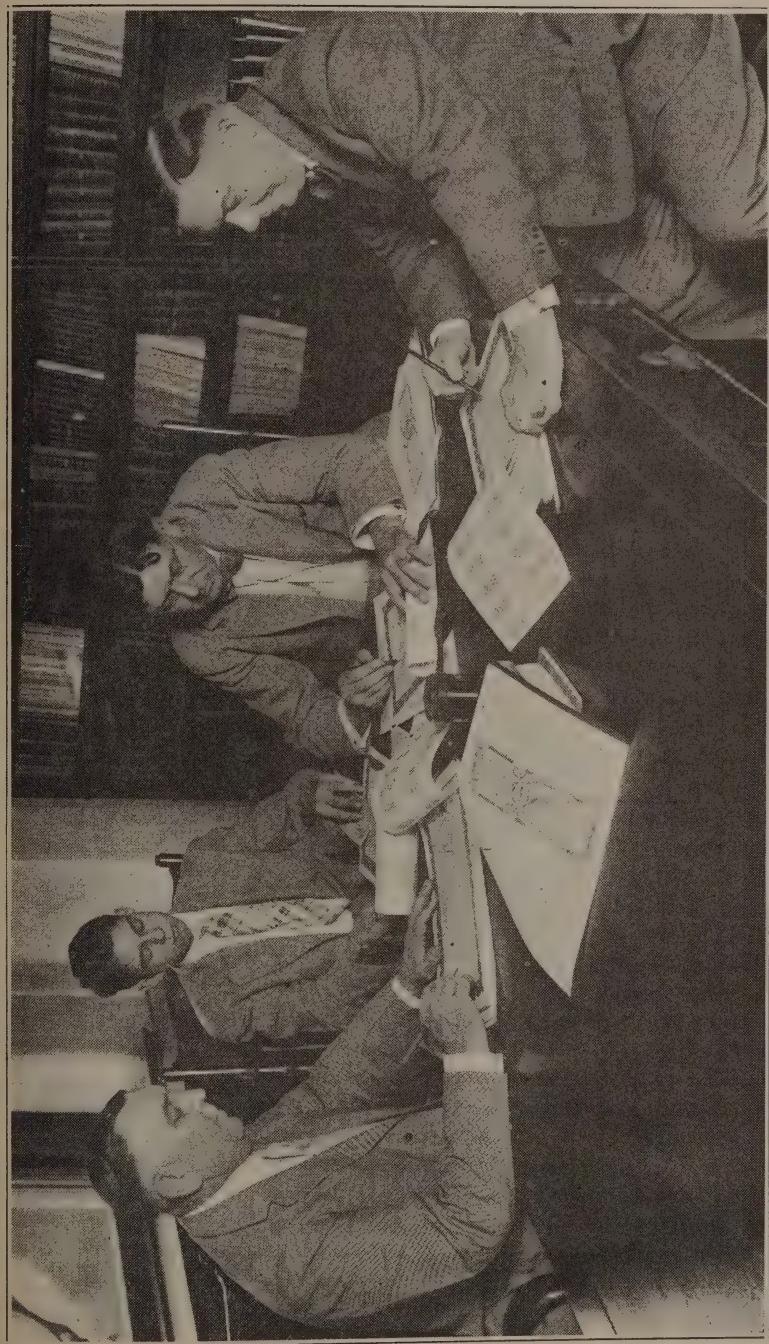


GEORGE T. CROSS  
Member of Committee



P. G. M. FRED W. HARDWICK  
Treasurer of Committee





Left to right: P. G. M. G. Allison Holland; Jas. Garnett, Jr.; P. G. M. James Garnett, and P. G. M. Fred W. Hardwick.  
SIGNING THE BONDS FOR THE NEW HOME



At the meeting of Grand Lodge in 1919, the Board of Directors was authorized to prepare tentative plans and specifications to be submitted to the Grand Lodge for the proposed Home; but no money should be expended for plans and specifications until they were approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Building Committee appointed by the Board was composed of Past Grand Master James Garnett, Mr. John M. Scott, and Mr. George T. Cross. The services of these men, in the construction of the plant cannot be valued, since it was through their untiring efforts that the widows and orphans are so comfortably situated.

At the 1920 communication of Grand Lodge, Mr. G. Allison Holland introduced the following resolution, which was carried:

"Resolved, That the Million Dollar Committee be directed through its Finance Committee to turn over such money or securities to the Directors of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary from time to time as may be needed in the purchase of land or erection of buildings for the Home."

The reports made from time to time by the Million Dollar Committee were quite favorable, and on April 7, 1922, in a meeting before a special committee from the Board of Directors it stated that the total amount of money available for use by the Board of Directors was \$409,089, although \$1,081,500 had been subscribed. Mr. Holland informed the Board that if it would purchase a site and adopt the plans, the committee would be able to raise the money necessary to construct and complete the Home. The entire cost was conservatively estimated at \$1,500,-000 by the Building Committee, yet Mr. Holland was certain that his committee could raise that amount.

After the Board of Directors had received the above information a special committee was directed to purchase a site within a radius of seven miles of the Court House in Louisville, which would contain from fifty to one hundred acres. The site secured contained 127 acres located on Frankfort Avenue about midway between the limits of the City of Louisville and the town of St. Matthews. The cost of this tract of land was \$94,146.60.

On May 27, 1922, the children and widows were taken in automobiles to the site for the new Home, where they participated in the ceremonies of the formal reception of the deed and payment for the land. The graduating class from the Home School placed a large bulletin on the grounds that could be read for several hundred yards, with the following inscription, "This 111½-acre tract (15½ acres were purchased later) is the site for the New Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary".

The Grand Lodge in October, 1924, by resolution said to the Building Committee, selected to locate and build the new Masonic Home, "Begin work at once. The full faith and credit of the

Grand Lodge and all the subordinate lodges is pledged for the payment of all bills contracted by you, and the money will be ready when you call for it."

A committee from Grand Lodge was then appointed to assist the Million Dollar Committee in devising plans whereby the money could be raised. Grand Master A. E. Orton appointed J. L. Vest, W. A. Guthrie, J. C. Strange, S. M. Cecil, and S. D. Stemberge on this committee, and directed them to make a report the following day. After a long and continuous session, during which time the committee heard many suggestions from the members of the Fraternity living in different parts of Kentucky, it recommended to Grand Lodge that the remainder of the money necessary to complete the new Home should be raised by placing an assessment on each subordinate lodge of \$20.00 per member. The report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

The Building Committee was composed of men who believed in obeying orders, and they acted promptly when these instructions were received. Within a short time after the Grand Lodge had adopted the resolution and made the above-mentioned assessment, orders were issued to Joseph and Joseph, Architects, directing them to complete the working plans so that the contracts could be awarded on the first day of the new year. The contract for the School Building, Industrial Building, and the Dining Room were let to Platoff and Bush in the early part of 1925. This group of buildings was known as the "central axis" of the plant, and when the three large structures were completed, each was a monument to the success of an undertaking.

In token of the valuable labors rendered to the Widows and Orphans of Kentucky Masons by Past Grand Master James Garnett, who visualized the new Home, and supervised almost every detail of its construction, the School Building was named "Garnett Hall" by resolution of the Grand Lodge during its session in 1927. A bronze tablet containing the resolution was placed in the building.

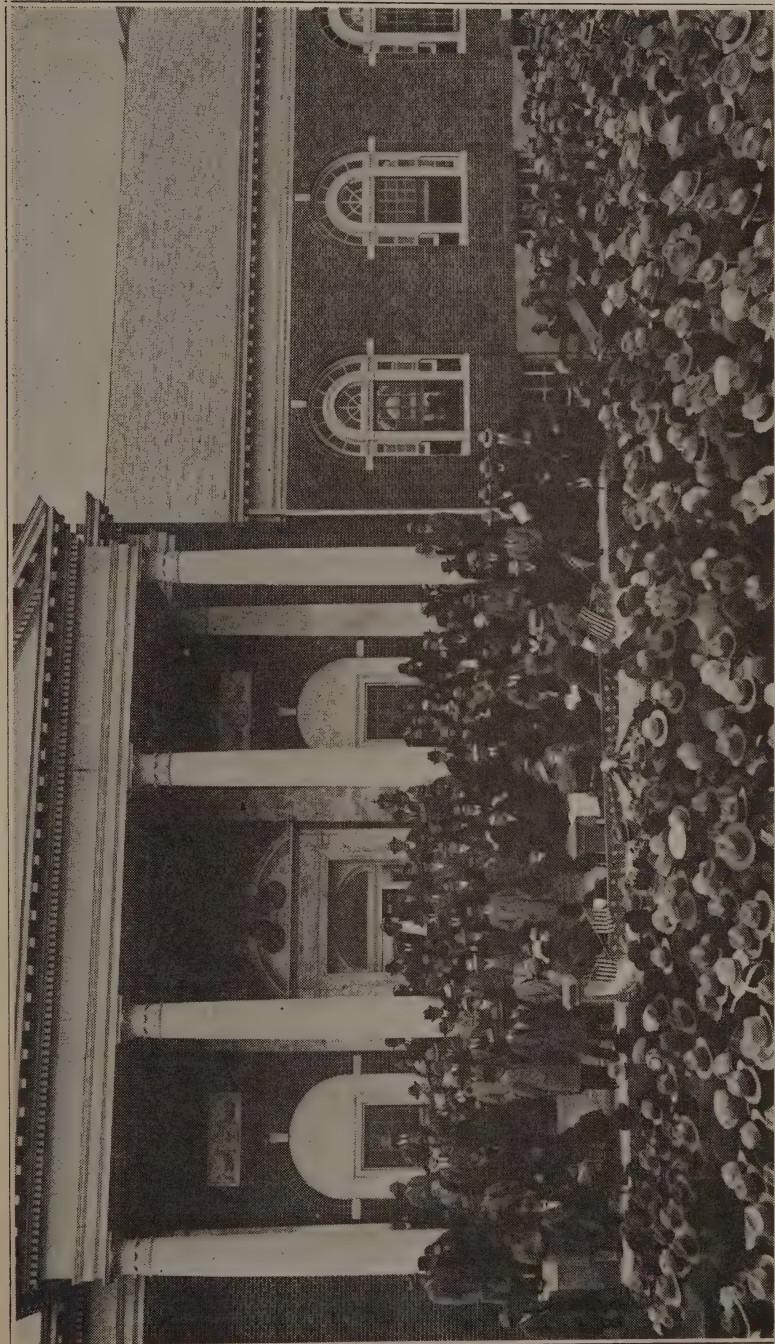
The Industrial Building was named the "Adams Building" by the Directors in appreciation of the long and successful service rendered by Superintendent and Mrs. Adams. Over the door to the right is the name, "T. J. Adams" and over the one to the left is the name, "Julia Adams". These names are carved deep in stone and will last through the ages; so will they remain in the loving memory of girls and boys who were in the Home during the years in which Mr. and Mrs. Adams were Superintendent and Matron.

In the lobby of the Dining Room there is a bronze tablet which was placed there by the Directors in appreciation of the service rendered by the Masons employed on the several rail-



TABLET IN THE ENTRANCE OF THE DINING ROOM





DEDICATION OF THE NEW HOME, OCTOBER 18, 1927



roads running out of Louisville. The Dining Room was furnished by this group of Masons.

The cornerstone of the new Home was laid in the School Building (later named Garnett Hall) on October 20, 1925. Mr. Lee E. Cralle, President of the Board of Directors, was Master of Ceremonies, and the following program was carried out:

Prayer .....	Rev. R. B. Grider, Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge of Kentucky.
Recitation—"We Meet Upon the Level" .....	Lowell Pelfrey, a small boy in the Home.
Address—"The Home As It Was" .....	Miss Nora Kirch, a former resident of the Home.
Address—"The Home As It Is" .....	Miss Gladys Brewer, a member of the Home School Graduating Class of 1925-26.
Song .....	A group of children of the Home.
Presentation of the Home to the Grand Master .....	Past Grand Master James Garnett, Chairman of the Building Committee.
Laying of the Cornerstone .....	Officers of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

In presenting the Home for dedication Past Grand Master Garnett said, "This is the most delightful occasion of my Masonic career, since the representatives of 72,000 Masons are assembled with the children of the Home to lay the cornerstone which will support the best Orphans' Home in the world." Mr. Garnett then gave a full account of the work which had been accomplished to that time, and outlined the plans for the completion of the Home. He closed his most interesting and comprehensive address as follows: "As Chairman of the Building Committee, I present to you the loyal service performed by the Building Committee for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the evidence that the Committee has obeyed its commands and has started the work as directed by the Grand Lodge. Into your hands and into the keeping of Grand Lodge we commit this plant, laid out for the widows and orphans, requesting that you lay the cornerstone which will be its support through the ages to come."

After the stone was in place Grand Master H. M. Grundy gave an inspiring address which set forth the high ideals and lofty ambitions of the Masons of Kentucky. He said in part:

"How often back  
We turn on Life's bewildering track  
To where over hill and valley plays  
The sunlight of our early days.

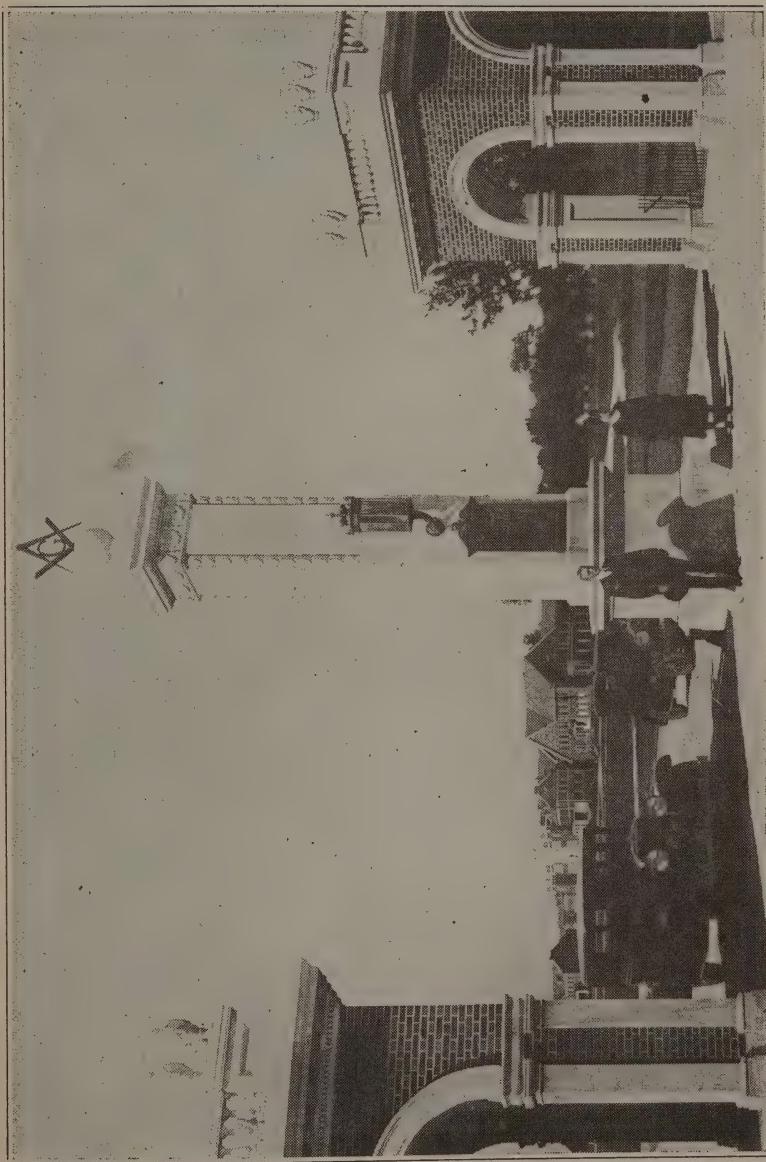
"Perhaps this is one reason that nothing appeals more powerfully to the heart of every true man than the welfare and happiness of innocent children. In the stern battle of Life we may

at times become forgetful of the needs of our fellowmen, and somewhat remiss in the performance of our duty toward them, but where is the Mason whose heart does not respond instantly to the appeals of the widows and children of our deceased brothers? He is not found among Kentucky Masons.....

"Here in Louisville a little over fifty years ago, a little handful of Masons built the first Widows and Orphans' Home in the world. Since that time homes have been built in almost every state in the Union. Kentucky Masons have never fallen short of their duty or forgotten their promise to help and assist all worthy brothers and their widows and children, and they never will. High ideals and noble sentiments still abide in the hearts of all Kentucky Masons, and no great cause, such as a Home for widows and orphans will ever suffer for support, as long as the teachings of our great Order leave their impress on the hearts of men. We congratulate ourselves that Kentucky is full of such Masons and that erection of this building is evidence of our loyalty to the principles of our great Order, that is today caring for the widow and educating the orphan, and housing the old Mason, whose strength renders him unable to care for himself.

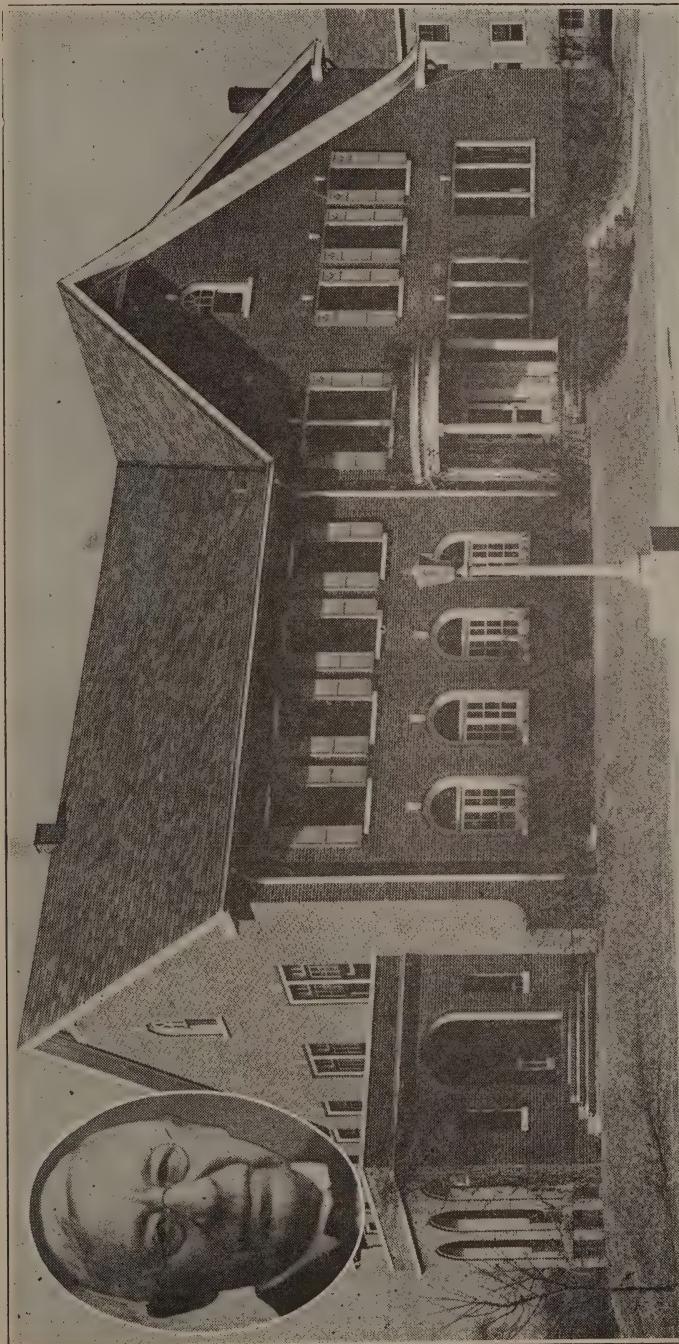
"Each of us has a duty to perform. The glory and the usefulness of any organization depend upon the individual members. Then if Masonry is to function to its greatest efficiency, it is up to you and me to give it the best we have, and become a part of that which is promoting the principles it promulgates. In all ages its achievements have been great, but it seems that in the dispensation of an All-wise Providence it has reserved for this, our own country and this, our own age to mark its greatest advancement as to membership and its influence for the principles it has ever recognized and advocated. Today we have millions of the best and truest men on earth as members of this great Fraternity whose influence is felt in every walk of life, in every phase of progress, influence for good in the consideration of all questions of community, state, and nation. Today duty calls; the pathway our feet should tread is clearly marked. Hear the call, brothers; be Masons, strong in heart and mind, with a determination like those back yonder a half a century ago, and build this Home. Carry it to completion. Let no action of this Grand Body delay its progress.....

"What your eyes behold here today is the result of the order of over six hundred representatives to the Grand Lodge in October 1924, expressed by a unanimous vote to the Home Board and Building Committee. We are only carrying out your mandate, and I am sure every representative here today will approve of the action of the Board in rushing as speedily as possible, the completion of this Home. Charity, the brightest gem that can adorn our Masonic profession, should adorn the heart of every Mason,



ENTRANCE TO THE HOME, DONATED BY BRO. LEE E. CRALLE





BROTHER HENRY VOGT AND THE BUILDING HE DONATED



and happy is that man who has in his breast the seed of benevolence, the product of which is love and peace. After all, Freemasonry teaches that the great mission in life is to do unto all mankind and glorify God, our Creator. Let us go through this old world doing unto others as we would have them do unto us. I appeal to you, my brothers, at this time to do your duty by remembering those poor widows and orphans of our deceased brothers, and build this Home . . . . ."

Another interesting address was that of Miss Nora Kirch, an early resident of the Home, who had been a successful business woman in Louisville for many years, and had been familiar with the activities of the Home. She spoke as follows:

Little did I dream, when a child at the Masonic Home many years ago, that I would be one of those present here today. This is the consummation of one of my dreams, and I am very happy. To me, this is not a dedication to a new pile of brick and stone, but one of meeting the needs of Humanity, of countless little souls who can only look to you to lead them out of an obscure environment of a past day into the limelight of a new age.

The sculptors of the world competed for a unique way in which to present "YOUTH" at the San Francisco World's Exposition in 1915. I was interested in the artist's conception of the subject. It was called the "Fountain of Youth." It was a very large, flat fountain containing real water, a mighty turbulent stream, representing the "Stream of Life". Charging through it, against the current, was Youth on a horse. You have Youth with you always.

Perhaps the best way that I can illustrate to you the difference between the old Home that I knew thirty-seven years ago and the new one, is to tell you of a recent visit paid me in my office by two young Home boys, under the protection of your Educational Committee, going to our local high school, and I want to take this opportunity to say to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and its friends gathered here, that the creation of that Committee was the second greatest thing you have ever done. And what wonderful men it has drawn to itself—Pearce Brown-ing of Maysville, and others. Another boy who came with Maxwell Allen was William Coble. They opened a checking account in the name of a paper they were editing after their school tasks were done. That never could have been possible thirty odd years ago! No boy or girl had even a high school education, much less a university degree. Your eighth grade at that time corresponded to our sixth grade of the then city school. Whatever talent, creative or initiative ability a child then had, was lost. Like all great things that come to pass, it took a liberator, a great leader not unlike a Lincoln, to lead your group to do this great new work for Humanity. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky

Masons has within its ranks such a Lincoln in James Garnett! Whenever I think of what he has done, there comes to my mind the first column ever attempted in sculpture at the San Francisco World's Fair. Here rose a column out of the very center of the Courts of the Universe facing the ocean, and on the very top of it, overlooking sea and sky, was the figure of a man with a bow and arrow in his hand. He was called "The Adventurous Bowman." He represented the American Spirit, the great leaders of America who have visions. At his feet were groups of people, ready to do his bidding. You, and the young men who will follow you in the rank and file of the Craft, will carry out James Garnett's vision.

The cornerstone was given by W. N. Brooks, a former ward in the Home, and a box presented by Mr. Fred Scheitinger was placed within the cornerstone. Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick, whose loyal service to the Home under all circumstances has been of inestimable value, enclosed in the box the following articles: Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for the year 1924; a History of the Masonic Home by W. H. Meffert; a copy of the Masonic Home Journal, issue of October 15, 1925; and reports of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer for the year 1925.

After the laying of the cornerstone, the erection of the various buildings proceeded rapidly, and in less than two years the new Home was occupied.

Many liberal donations were received at that time. Some of them are mentioned below:

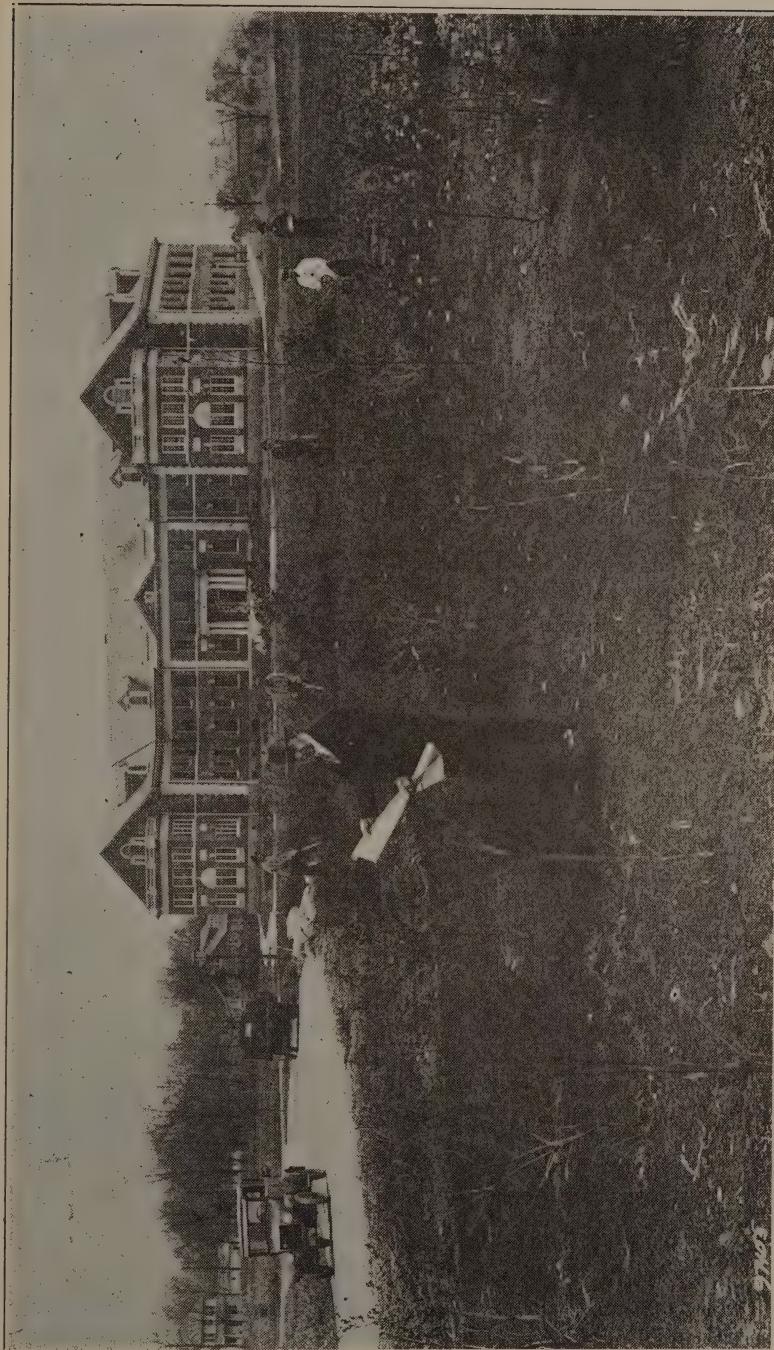
Mr. Henry Vogt, one of the Directors, gave a sum of money sufficient to pay for the cottage known as the "Henry Vogt Building," and Mrs. Vogt furnished it in accord with the beautiful structure.

The artistic entrance, which has the appearance of welcome for all who enter the grounds, was given by Mr. Lee E. Cralle, President of the Board of Directors, and Mrs. Cralle.

Mr. Fred W. Hardwick, Secretary of the Board of Directors, and his brother, Mr. Charles Hardwick, donated the flagstaff upon which the American Flag is hoisted each day by a Girl Scout or a Boy Scout.

A thoroughly equipped and nicely furnished infirmary was provided by the St. John's Day League, an organization of zealous Masons, which has ever been a source of benevolence to the Home.

In recognition of the liberal donation of the Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky, the Directors designated one of the boys' cottages as the "Grand Chapter R. A. M. Building."



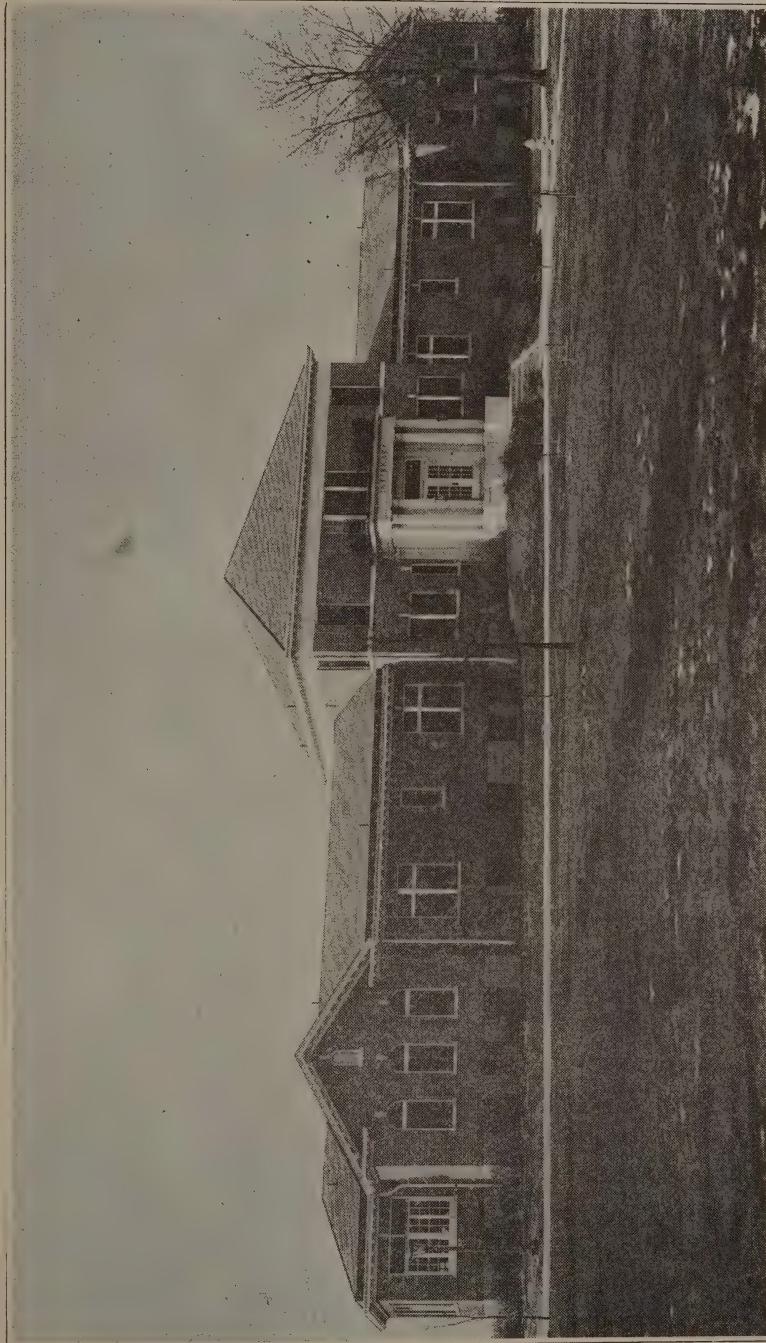
Director John M. Scott, Chairman Grounds Committee, directing the planting at the New Home. (Widows' Building in the background.)



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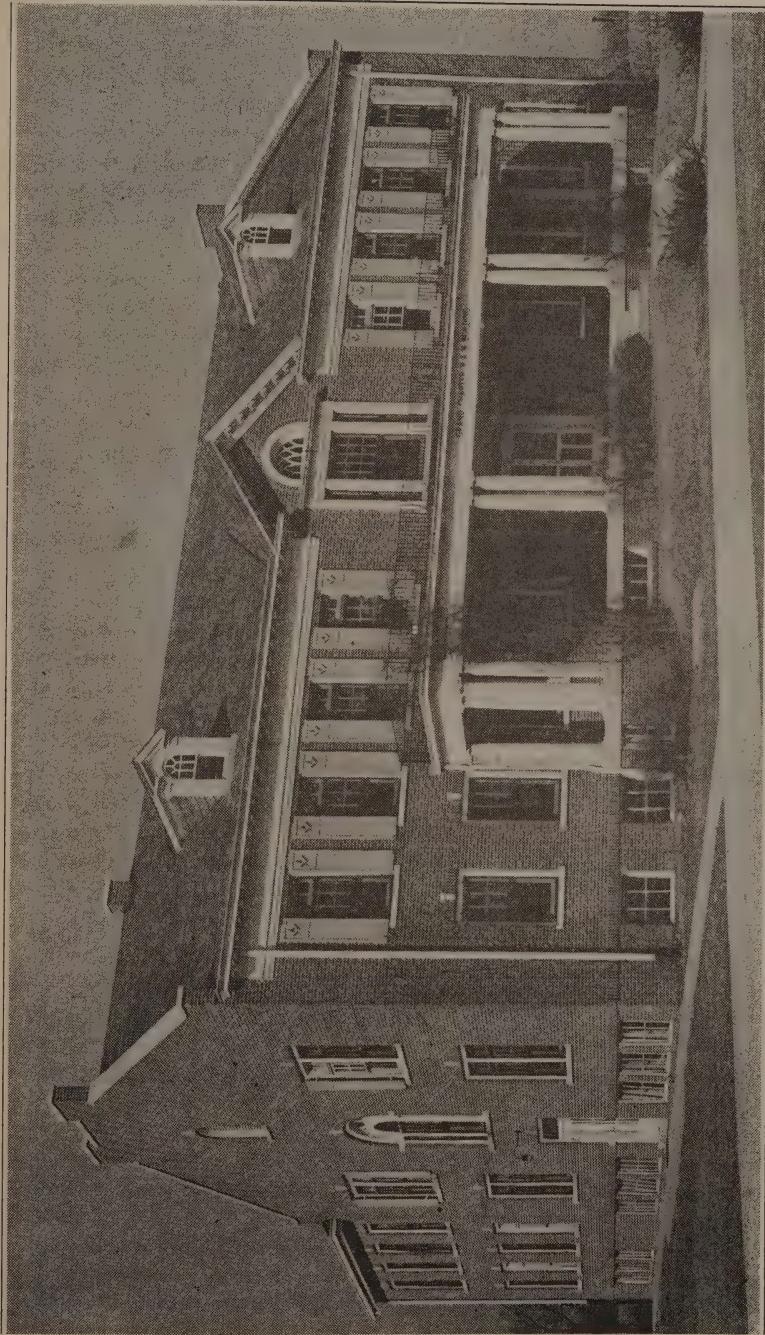
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INFIRMARY DONATED BY THE ST. JOHNS DAY LEAGUE





BUILDING KNOWN AS THE "GRAND CHAPTER, R. A. M., BUILDING"



Many other donations, which were most gratefully accepted, came from various Masonic Bodies; the Order of the Eastern Star; former residents of the Home, and individuals. These are marked in different buildings on the campus by bronze tablets bearing suitable inscriptions, that all who read them may know that these friends have been made "rich" in the fullness of the word through what they have so generously bestowed upon the widows and orphans.

It is fitting that we go back a few years and mention here the largest donation ever received by the Home. On January 13, 1924, Mr. Robert Tyler, Hickman Lodge No. 761, died, leaving to the Home his entire estate of \$313,264 and a Mississippi valley farm of 327 acres on which was located a beautiful home. Mr. Robert Tyler's father, General H. A. Tyler, had made a will several years prior to his death on April 26, 1915, bequeathing this estate to the Home if the son was not living at the time of the father's death. Thus the largest single donation ever received by the institution came through the generosity of a father and son whose great desire was to serve the widows and orphans of their deceased brother Masons.

During the summer of 1924, Superintendent and Mrs. Adams arranged to take more than 100 children, who did not visit relatives, for a delightful vacation on this farm, known as "Oakwood Farm", near Hickman, Ky. It was a memorable summer to every one fortunate enough to be there. At this time (1935) the farm is still owned by the Masonic Home, and Mr. W. J. Monan, who was with Mr. Tyler for many years, is the caretaker.

In appreciation of these friends, the library in Garnett Hall is called the "Tyler Library".

On August 15, 1927, at 2 p. m., the residents bade "goodbye" to the "Old Home on Second Street". Just before leaving, the entire family assembled on the steps of the old building for a brief devotional service, which will never be forgotten by those who took part. The children sang three hymns and the Rev. Albert S. Nichols, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, offered a fervent prayer. The children were then conveyed to the beautiful new Home in chartered cars and busses, and the widows were taken next day, August 16, in private automobiles.

The task of making the necessary adjustment from the old regime to the new took much time, thought, strength and patience of all concerned. The leadership of Superintendent and Mrs. Adams at this strenuous period is to be highly commended. The head of each department was responsible for the moving and arranging of his or her equipment. Miss Beile Ford, Principal, assisted by Miss Nell Cashman, superintended the moving of the school and library early in July; and by the middle of August the school equipment—seats, books, library, etc.—was in

readiness for the opening of school in September. Miss Ford and Miss Cashman remained during the entire summer to assist Mr. and Mrs. Adams in the many duties connected with the change.

The climax of this busy period was reached at the dedication of the Home. This long-anticipated event took place on October 18, 1927, and was witnessed by a concourse of Masons and friends estimated to be over eight thousand persons. Many former residents of the Home were present; and six veteran Masons who were present at the dedication of the Home on Second Street, fifty-seven years before, felt that they were especially blessed in being able to attend this celebration. It was a never-to-be-forgotten demonstration, bringing to a successful termination years of earnest work on the part of Kentucky Masons, who felt justly proud when they viewed the sixteen beautiful, newly furnished buildings occupied by happy children and contented widows of their departed brothers.

The next momentous step in the history of the Home was the "bond fire" which occurred on the campus, April 6, 1929. For the completion of the new Home, the Grand Lodge had issued and sold bonds to the amount of \$600,000. In less than three years, Grand Treasurer James Garnett called all of these bonds for payment, and their destruction was the occasion of the "bond fire" which rendered the Home free from debt.

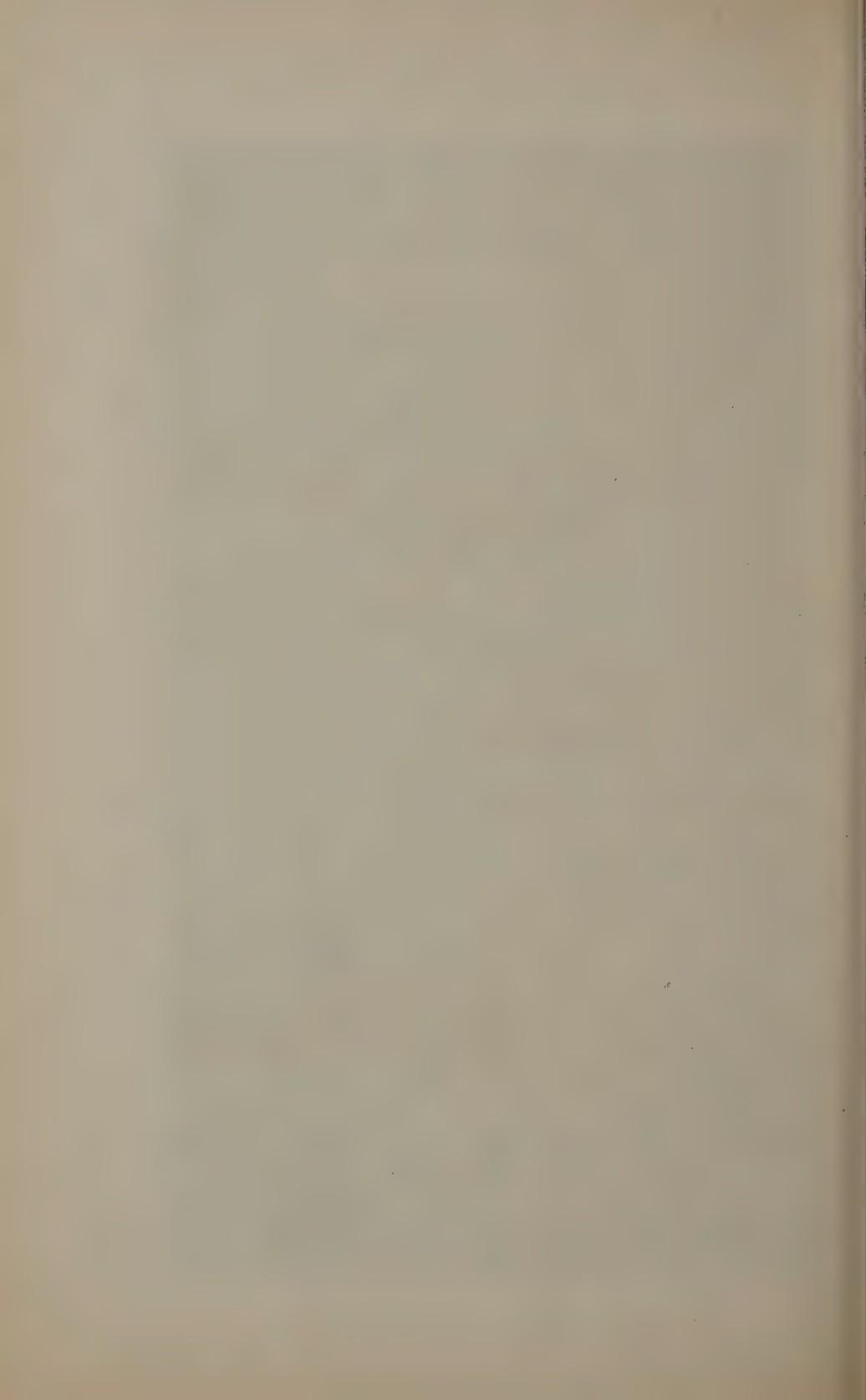
After twenty-three years of unfaltering service, the wholesome influence of which will go down through the ages, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Adams resigned as Superintendent and Matron of the Home. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morris were elected to succeed them on October 1, 1930.

A number of progressive measures have been accomplished during the incumbency of Superintendent and Mrs. Morris. To express or list them all would be difficult, but some of them are as follows: The establishment of the Masonic Home Post Office and changing of the Masonic Home Journal to a real "Home" paper. Scout Troops have been organized for both girls and boys; athletics have been established and swimming-pool privileges secured for all the children. Playground supervision has been secured for the boys, and a coach for the hockey season added to the supervision of the girls' playground. Changes have been made in the type of clothing for the children—girls have been taken out of uniform. Acreage in truck farming has been increased and the number of boys who profit by this training increased.

"Schick" and "Dick" tests are given to all the children; all tubercular suspects are given the "T. B." test and receive special treatment; and the "T. B." test is given to all employees of the Home.



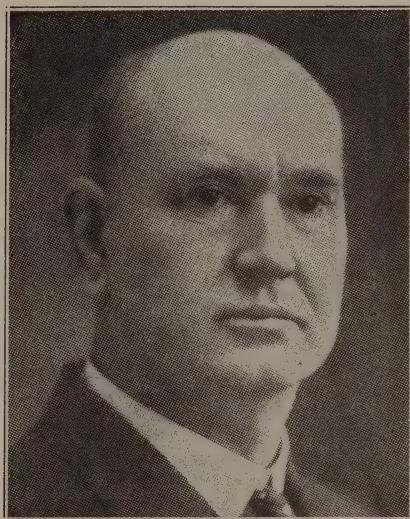
GENERAL H. A. TYLER HOME NEAR HICKMAN, KENTUCKY





GRAND MASTER DR. JOHN W. JUETT BURNING THE BONDS APRIL 6, 1929





SUPT. P. G. M. T. J. ADAMS



MATRON MRS. T. J. ADAMS



Too much cannot be said in praise of the manner in which Mr. and Mrs. Morris assumed their duties. Their fitness for the positions of Superintendent and Matron has been proven beyond question: a real heartfelt interest is expressed by their effort to deal with each child as an individual, and their administrative duties have been most successfully carried out.

In the spring of 1927, Mrs. Evelyn Gaskell succeeded Miss Maybelle DeArk, who had been for several years the capable Secretary of Superintendent Adams. During the period of adjustment from conditions in the old Home to those in the new Home, the value of Mrs. Gaskell's comprehensive service cannot be estimated, and as the Secretary of Superintendent Morris, she is still rendering most effective service. In addition to her duties as Secretary she has assisted Mr. Morris in establishing a filing system in the office. All records that could be found have been systematically indexed and filed in steel cabinets.

The beautification of the Masonic Home campus is in the hands of Mr. John M. Scott, Chairman of the Grounds Committee. Within a few years the stubblefield in which the buildings were located, has been transformed into a green lawn, edged with ornamental and flowering shrubs, and dotted with various kinds of shade trees. In the rear of the widows' building an artistic flower garden containing a fish pond has been made.

Miss Edythe White, R. N., as the successor to Miss Annie Davies, R. N., took charge of the infirmary in September 1930. Under her effectual management a most comprehensive child health program has been established. Some of the activities of this department have been mentioned in a preceding paragraph. Miss White is ably assisted by Mrs. Mary Jones Miller.

Since the establishment of the Masonic Home, the physical welfare of the beneficiaries has been looked after by an able corps of Louisville physicians and surgeons. At the present date (1935), the Medical Staff is composed of some of the most noted specialists and practitioners in the city. They are as follows:

Dr. Orville Miller .....	President
Dr. John R. Wright .....	Vice-President
Dr. Richard T. Hudson .....	Secretary
Dr. Virgil E. Simpson .....	Physician
Dr. W. J. Young .....	Dermatologist
Dr. John J. Moren .....	Neurologist
Dr. J. W. Bruce .....	Pediatrician
Dr. James Winter .....	Pediatrician
Dr. Gordon Buttorff .....	Pediatrician
Dr. Arthur T. Hurst .....	Pediatrician
Dr. John R. Wright .....	Oculist and Aurist
Dr. M. C. Baker .....	Oculist and Aurist

Dr. J. Kenneth Hutcherson .....	Oculist and Aurist
Dr. D. M. Cox .....	Surgeon
Dr. J. Walker Moore .....	Pathologist
Dr. Orville Miller .....	Orthopedist
Dr. Richard T. Hudson .....	Orthopedist
Dr. C. H. Likens .....	Anaesthetist
Dr. B. F. Underwood .....	Anaesthetist
Dr. E. H. Baker .....	Anaesthetist
Dr. Harper E. Richey .....	Anaesthetist
Dr. M. M. Elliott .....	Anaesthetist
Dr. I. T. Fugate .....	Roentgenologist
Dr. E. C. Hume .....	Exodontist
Dr. G. M. Edwards .....	Dentist
Dr. Bruce Funk .....	Dentist
Dr. C. D. Houze .....	Dentist

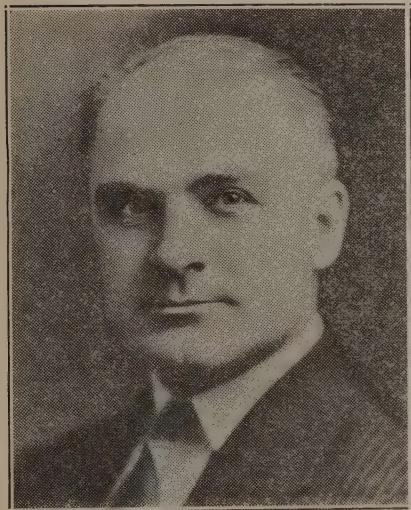
Regardless of unfavorable conditions or personal interests this body of skilled men gladly give unstintingly of their time and talent to the children and widows of the Home.

The Southern Optical Company also renders a valuable service by making and repairing all glasses gratis for the widows and children. This philanthropic plan was originated by Mr. Carl Wiseman, who was for many years sole owner of the business, and since his death, Mr. Charles Krebs, president of the corporation, and his associates have continued this much appreciated practice of generosity.

In looking back over the history of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary, we realize that words are wholly inadequate to express in a satisfactory manner the interest manifested and the work accomplished by those connected in any way with its establishment and maintenance. Records show that prominent men with outstanding ability have always been elected as Directors of the Home. For the year 1934-1935 the membership of the Board of Directors is as follows:

James Garnett, P. G. M. ....	President
I. T. Woodson .....	Vice-President
Fred W. Hardwick, P. G. M. ....	Secretary
John M. Scott .....	Treasurer
John S. Akers .....	Chairman Endowment Fund
J. T. O'Neal .....	Attorney
T. J. Adams, P. G. M.	Henry Vogt
Frank D. Rash, P. G. M.	Thomas A. Crawford
Henry P. Barret, P. G. M.	Fred A. Kratch
S. P. Browning	William C. Gibson
R. P. Dietzman, P. G. M.	

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Oculist and Aurist



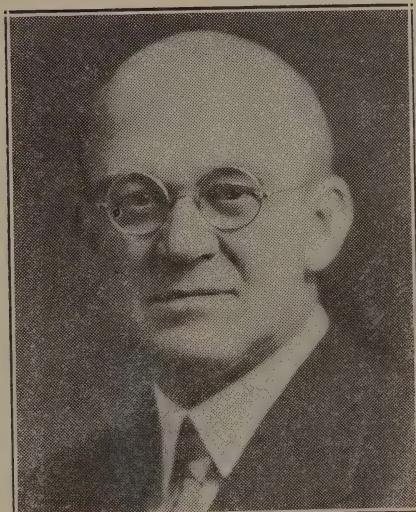
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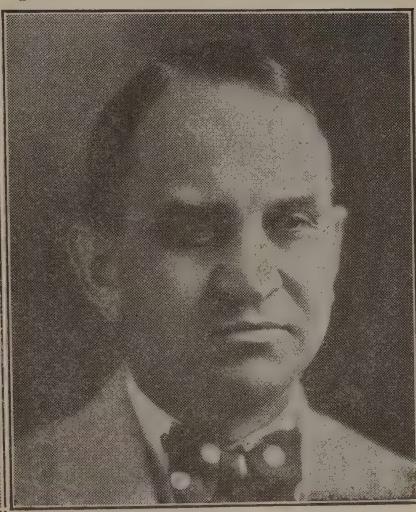
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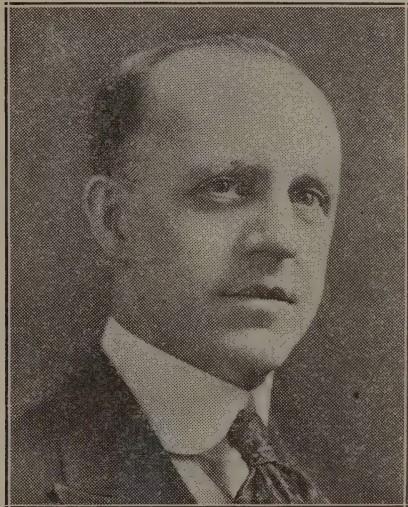
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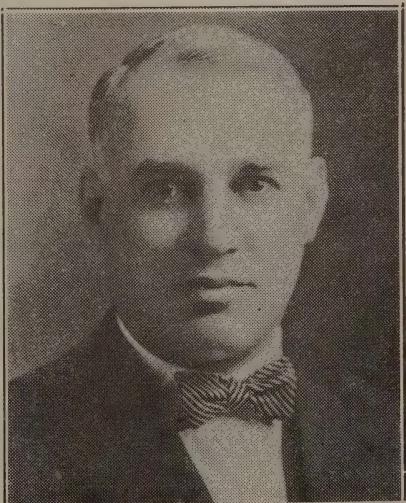
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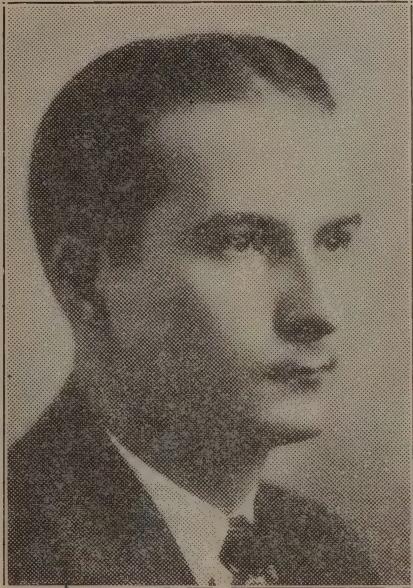
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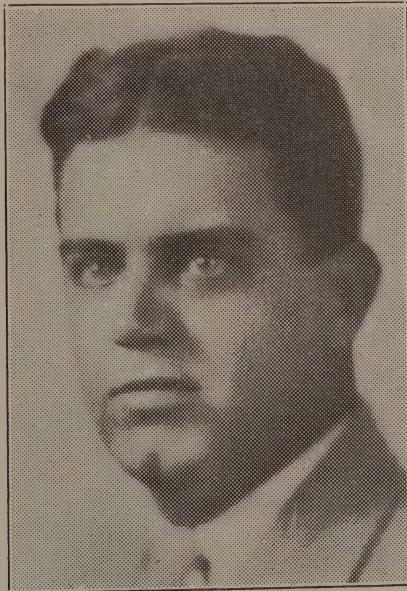
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Anaesthetist





MISS EDYTHE WHITE, R. N.



MRS. EVELYN GASKELL  
Secretary to the Superintendent





SUPERINTENDENT J. C. MORRIS, OCTOBER 1, 1930



MATRON MRS. J. C. MORRIS, OCTOBER 1, 1930



The protecting walls of the Home have sheltered from the cold blasts of adversity 3,097 children and 236 widows of Kentucky Masons. The children receive competent training for the duties of life and the widows who have reached the sunset of life are comforted and attended by loving hands.

Masonry has stood as a beaconlight on the shore of the last decade, casting its beams over the lives of the widows and orphans of those who had lived by its teachings—lighting up the pathway which leads to health, happiness, peace, and love.



Progress of Education  
in the  
**Masonic Widows and  
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**1872-1934**



Compiled by  
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MISS BELLE FORD  
Principal of Schools



PROGRESS OF EDUCATION IN THE MASONIC  
WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' HOME  
OF KENTUCKY  
1872-1934

By Miss Belle Ford

Education has gone steadily forward in the Home since the first children crossed its threshold. Not only have the necessities for physical development been generously supplied by the Masons of the state, but the little ones have been trained to become honest, self-reliant men and women who are capable of taking their places as worthy citizens of our country.

There are no records concerning the establishment of the first school in the Home, but early residents state that Miss Mag Huffman taught a one-room school in the main building as early as 1872. Miss Huffman was succeeded by two Monroe sisters, Miss Clarke, Mrs. Page, Miss Mary Spears and others at various periods. As the number of wards increased "pupil teachers" were paid \$5 or \$10 a month to assist in the school. Among these were Lucie Crooks, Maggie Askins, Lillie Bonfield, and Dixie Shaw.

Later records show that the program of education progressed satisfactorily: the course of study was revised and teachers added. In the second issue of the Masonic Home Journal, July 28, 1883, may be found a Roll of Honor on which appeared the names of pupils who were awarded prizes for the "highest degree of merit" in three rooms. Examinations to determine the winners had been held under the supervision of Professors Hiram Roberts and Clarence L. Martin, and Miss A. E. Salomon of the city schools. In the Journal of June 26, 1884, we find a report of the Home School in which a scholarship medal offered by Maj. J. H. Leathers is mentioned. As the school grew, Maj. Leathers increased the number of medals according to the number of grades, and at his death, Grand Secretary Fred W. Hardwick continued this custom. A resolution by the Board of Directors thanking Dr. W. H. Bartholomew and Miss A. E. Salomon for their "kindness in examining the Home School" also appeared in this report.

We find no record of the time in which the city teachers discontinued the practice of examining the children of the Home School, and the first mention of a graded school occurs in a report made by Superintendent Isaac A. Kelly in 1897.

Another much appreciated medal was provided for in 1891 by funds which had been raised to erect a monument to the

memory of Past Grand Master Hiram Bassett. This fund not being applied soon enough, others provided the shaft and the Grand Lodge directed the amount paid to the Home for the perpetuation of the prizes to be awarded annually to children making a high average in deportment and scholarship. The beautiful "Hiram Bassett Memorial Medal", given to a girl and a boy at the close of each school year, is the result.

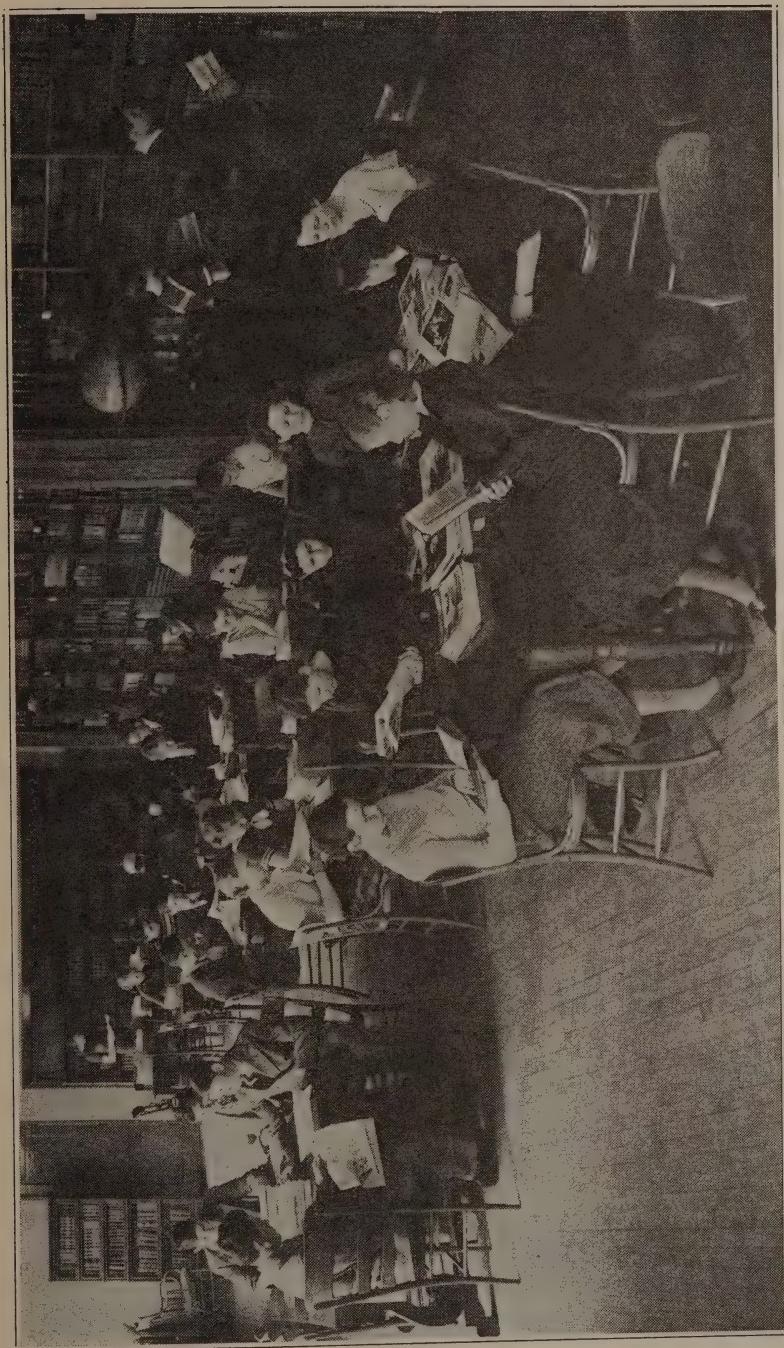
The custom of having "pupil teachers" was discontinued about 1890, and the number of regularly employed teachers increased. Shorthand and typing had been introduced; a kindergarten was added in 1896, and in 1897 a room was fitted up as a library.

As more rooms were needed, various parts of the Home building were used for the school. Necessity, however, was soon to demand that a separate structure be erected for that purpose, in order to give dormitory room for the increasing number of wards. In accord with the desire of Kentucky Masons to promote the welfare of homeless, fatherless children, this condition was overcome within a short time, and in 1907 a new building containing a large chapel, six classrooms, and a basement was dedicated. The manual training department, shoe shop, and print shop, in which boys received practical training, were now installed in a brick structure east of the main building.

These additions were adequate only a few years. During the time from 1918 to 1925, three portable rooms were added for the accommodation of classes and an office for the school was erected. In 1924, the writer, who had served as principal and teacher since January 1919, was relieved of classroom duty in order to devote the entire time to administrative work and supervision of teaching. The enrollment at this time was about 400, and there were nine members of the Faculty. The course of study for the eight grades was about the same as that of city schools, and the industrial departments were progressing under the supervision of competent instructors. Mr. W. L. Day had charge of the woodwork; Mr. Carl Beck taught the boys in the shoe shop; and Mr. George C. Younger trained some young engineers, who are now holding responsible positions. Some of the boys were also trained in the print shop.

The night school, which had been established in 1886 by Superintendent White for the accommodation of boys who were otherwise employed during the day, had developed into a session for all the pupils, though it was gradually being converted into a study period.

The Home which had been for more than 50 years a haven for widows and orphans of Kentucky Masons had become inadequate for their comfort and progress. A vision of Past



LIBRARY IN GARNETT HALL — 1934



Grand Master James Garnett, in which he predicted a million-dollar Home in the future, became a reality, and a magnificent plant on the Shelbyville Pike just outside the city limits was rapidly nearing completion. A new school system had been planned with a junior high school as an additional department; the children of the Masonic Home were approaching a milestone of greatest importance.

During the last days of the "Old Home" school much time was spent in anticipation of the new system and in reminiscence of the old. In following the growth of the latter, step by step, we were brought to the realization that many individuals had given much time, thought, and energy to the worthy enterprise. Some of them had spent many years in striving for the promotion of education in the Home—among them may be mentioned Miss Mary Spears, Miss Emma Woodman, and Miss Drue Gold who were principal teachers, and Mrs. Elizabeth Walters, who was an efficient first-grade teacher up to her eightieth birthday. Two teachers had died in the service—Miss Emma Woodman on March 17, 1914, and Miss Minnie Bergen in October 18, 1918, during the epidemic of "Flu".

On September 5, 1927, school opened in the new Home under most auspicious circumstances. The modern brick building was beautiful and commodious: it contained a chapel, Directors' offices, principal's offices, library, and twenty-six classrooms. At the session of Grand Lodge in October of that year, a resolution was unanimously adopted, directing that this building be named "Garnett Hall". In the entrance may be seen a bronze tablet bearing the following inscription:

**"GARNETT HALL"**

By resolution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, this building is named "Garnett Hall" in token of the valuable labors rendered to the widows and orphans of Kentucky Masons by Past Grand Master James Garnett of Columbia Lodge No. 97, who as the Master builder, visualized the New Home and superintended almost every detail of its construction.

Past Grand Master Garnett has been chairman of the Committee on Education of the Board of Directors for several years, and every step of progress in the school during the time has been marked by his sympathetic interest and capable legislation. He was Grand Master during the construction of the school building in the old Home on Second Street.

The system which was organized for the 450 pupils who entered the new school was on the 6-3 basis, known as the Elementary and Junior High School. The number of teachers was increased to 14; one of these was Miss Nell Cashman who died in 1930, after eight years of loyal service. At the present

time (1935) there are 17 members of the Faculty whose names and periods of service are as follows:

Miss Belle Ford, Principal ..... 1914

#### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Miss Ruth Willis, History and Library .....	1927
Miss Lucile Hance, Science and Geography .....	1925
Miss Annie Mae Martin, Mathematics and Music .....	1927
Miss Roberta Garvey, English and Latin .....	1927
Miss Elizabeth Routt, Commercial and Music .....	1933
Miss Mabel Best, Domestic Art .....	1933

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Miss Ruth Anderson, Sixth Grade .....	1930
Miss Sadie Stinson, Sixth Grade .....	1932
Miss Rose Ellis Ball, Fifth Grade and Music .....	1932
Miss Laura Johnson, Fifth Grade .....	1930
Miss Nell Smith, Fourth Grade .....	1927
Miss Virginia Michael, Opportunity Room .....	1925
Miss Ventrice Mitchell, Fourth and Third Grades .....	1932
Miss LaVelle Evans, Third and Second Grades .....	1932
Miss Susie Watson, Second and First Grades .....	1924
Miss Beatrice Billings, Kindergarten and Music.....	1932

The standard of qualification was raised during this period, and the members of the Faculty are now required to have valid certificates and at least 64 college hours of work. A number of them have degrees, and all others are working to that end.

When the junior high school was first established, the course of study for the ninth grade corresponded to that of the Freshman course in a senior high school, and the boys and girls who graduated therefrom were entitled to one year's credit. In 1931, a tenth grade was added in order that they might receive two years of accredited high school work. Eight credits are now required for graduation: two in English; two in mathematics; two in history, and two in science. A unit is also given for a year's work in Latin, shorthand, typing, sewing, wood-work, and printing. The majority of the students are able to carry two of these extra subjects a year, thereby being allowed to graduate from most schools in one year or one and one-half years.

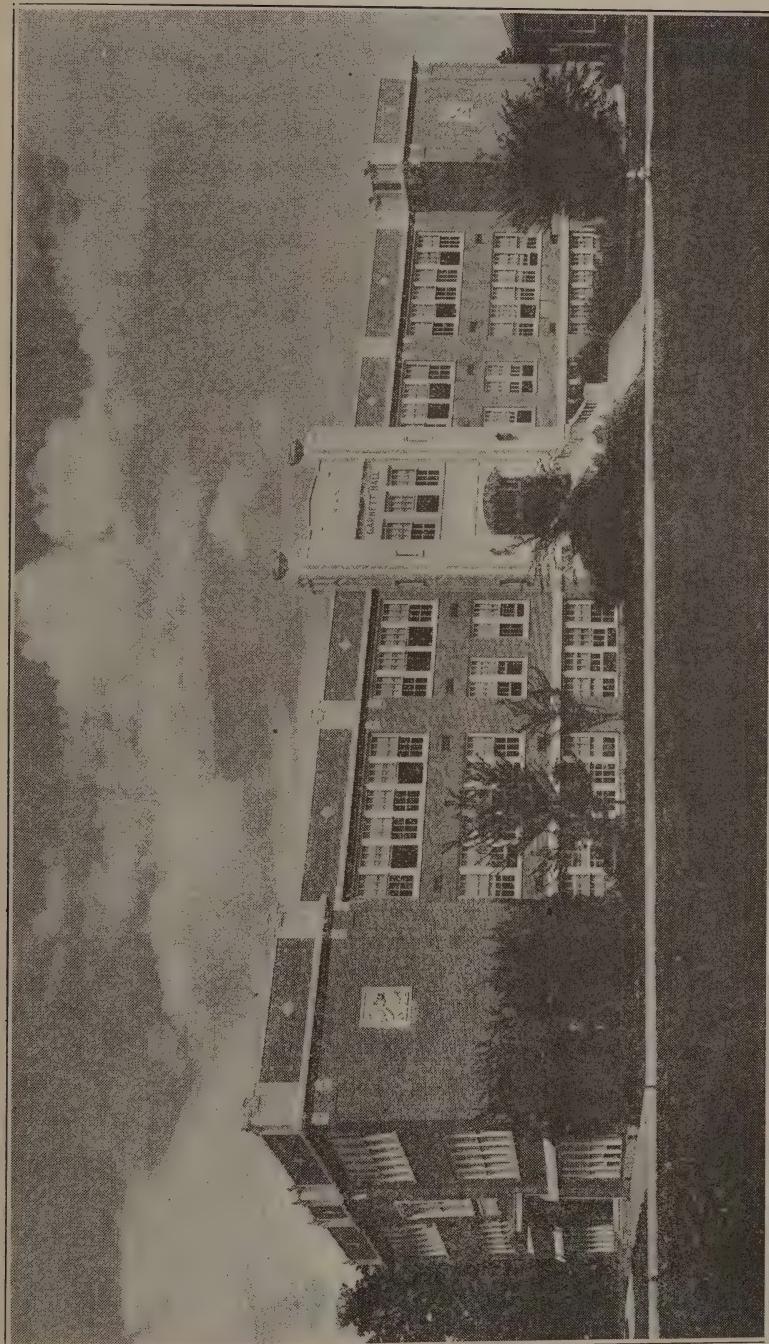
Many improvements have been made during the last four years. Special attention is now being given to public school music in all grades, and 14 pupils are receiving piano instructions; a Glee Club, which was formed in 1928, is still one of the extra-curricular activities; newer and better textbooks have been adopted, and the school rooms better equipped. Changes have

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 WHO AS THE "MASTER - BUILDER" VISUALIZED  
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 ALMOST EVERY DETAIL OF ITS CONSTRUCTION

TABLET IN ENTRANCE OF GARNETT HALL





GARNETT HALL





FACULTY, MASONIC HOME SCHOOL—1934



been made in the manner of keeping school records: a card system of enrollment and recording grades is now in operation; applications of teachers are accurately filed in a steel cabinet, and a card system is used in the library of 11,000 volumes and 30 current magazines.

About ten years ago, Past Grand Master James Garnett, who is chairman of the Educational Committee of the Home, conceived the idea of inspiring greater interest in history by offering a prize to the girl and boy writing the best essay on the life and character of the original builders of our Nation. The winners of these prizes are given the further honor of delivering their essays as the chief feature of the Commencement Exercises.

The plan proved successful, and in order to perpetuate it, about three years ago, Mr. Garnett gave to the Home a sum of money, the income from which is sufficient to buy the prizes, and he thereby endowed the "Lena V. Garnett Historical Prize", which is one of the most coveted rewards.

Interest in the subject of history has also been increased by the nature of the annual entertainments given to the representatives of Grand Lodge: A project or pageant is planned which brings out important features of certain periods of time. The project in 1933 was the building of the United States. Children who represented the states assisted "Uncle Sam" in solving a huge "jig-saw" puzzle, which had been planned by the history teacher, Miss Ruth Willis, a Home graduate of 1922.

Commencement means more to the graduates of the Home School than it did in former years. There is a program with music, the delivery of the prize essays, an address by some outstanding speaker, and the presentation of diplomas which are most attractive. Dainty white dresses and beautiful flowers for the girls and dark suits for the boys give the final touch to the real Commencement spirit.

For the last five vacation periods, Mrs. Nelle Dunaway has been playground instructor for the girls, and in '31, '32, '33, and '34, the boys were instructed during the summer months by Mr. James Garnett, Jr., Mr. James C. Morris, Jr., and Mr. Cecil Crowe respectively. Athletics has been made a part of the education schedule; boys and girls taking part are required to maintain a certain degree of excellence in school. In '32 a splendid hockey team was formed and coached by Mrs. Jessie Richards. The efficient coach for the last two seasons has been Miss Virginia Elder. The football boys had no coach, but under the management of Capt. Veldon Scott, one of the senior class, they closed the season undefeated.

A troop of Boy Scouts is sponsored by Superintendent Morris and a committee from the Board of Directors. Mr. Charles Johnson, a graduate of the Home School in the Class of '26, is

the Master. The Girl Scout Troop is sponsored by a committee of interested ladies, and ably instructed by Mrs. Nelle Dunaway, Miss Ruth Anderson, and Miss Laura Johnson.

One of the far-reaching improvements of this period is the placing of all industrial activities in the educational system. The work of these departments is accredited, and the monthly grades filed in the principal's office. Classes are so arranged that a student may carry a full literary schedule in school and take advantage of some industrial subject also.

The industrial building, named the "Adams Building" by the Directors in appreciation of the long and useful service of Superintendent and Mrs. T. J. Adams, is one of the largest and most convenient structures on the campus. On the first floor is a modern, well equipped print shop in which about 15 boys are employed annually. Superintendent Morris was made manager two years ago, and Mr. Charles Johnson is responsible for the training of the boys. The Masonic Home Journal is published here, and the students have a real part in its make-up. Mr. Frank Dixon is the instructor of 18 pupils in the woodwork department on the second floor. These boys, under the leadership of Mr. Dixon, built a modern, five-room cottage and a two-room garage for the Home in 1933-34. This most outstanding project ever undertaken by the children of the Home was sponsored by Superintendent Morris and members of the Board of Directors. The shoe shop is also on the second floor of the industrial building, and Mr. Edward Prentice is the instructor of 6 boys who repair all the shoes for the children and make most of the everyday shoes on a modified Munson last, which was added to the equipment in 1932. Their greatest accomplishment in 1933 was the making "corrective shoes" prescribed by the orthopedists for the children who needed them.

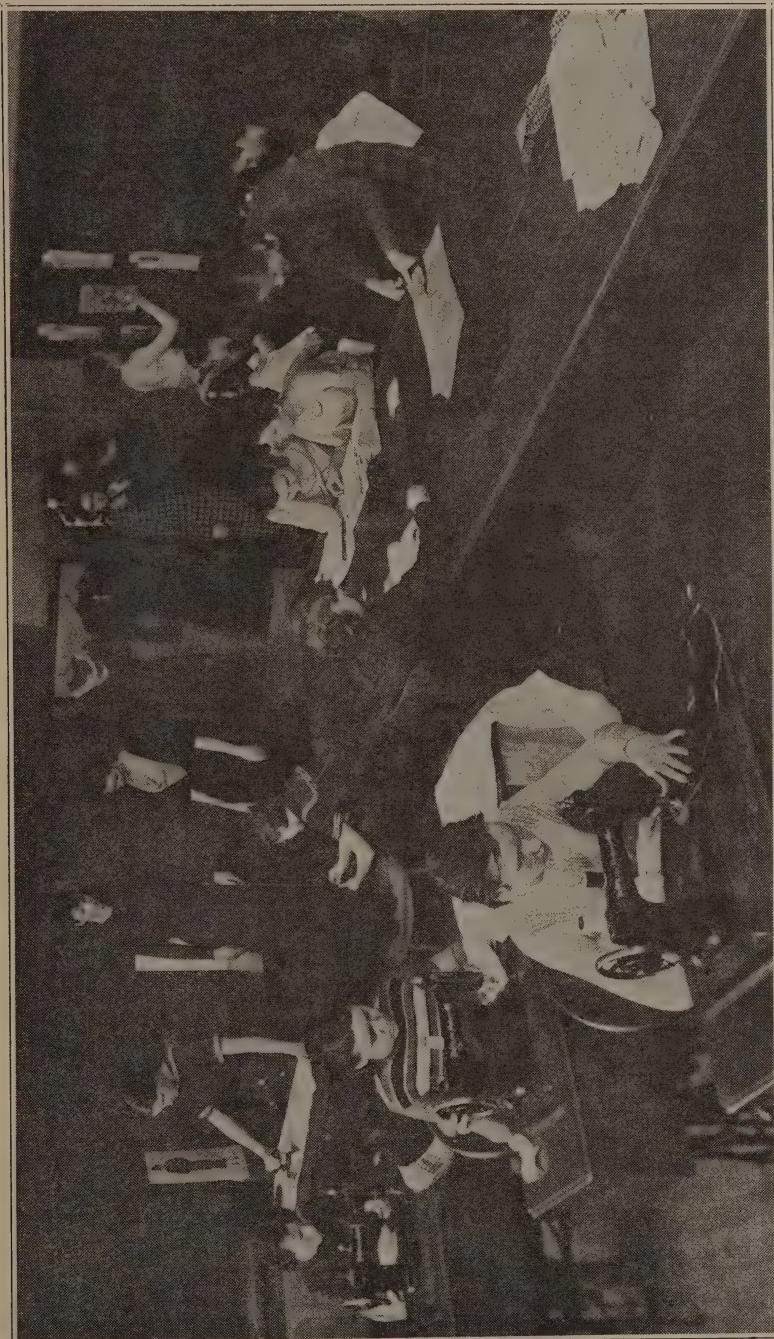
Another important industrial feature is the garden in which 15 or 20 boys are annually employed. Mr. Hugh Smith guides these young farmers and landscape gardeners through the different seasons, and on 26 acres of land they produce enough vegetables to help materially in the upkeep of the large family. Three students are trained in the power plant under the guidance of Mr. Harry C. Curry, the head engineer. Mr. Clyde Hodges, a first-class barber, instructs annually 3 girls and 3 boys, who take care of all the hair cutting among the children. The work of training the children to be good barbers was introduced into the Home several years ago by Mr. August Kammerer.

From 8 to 10 girls are instructed in nursing and the care of the Infirmary by Miss Edythe White, R. N. This had been the duty of Miss Annie Davies, R. N., for many years before her death in 1928. A special uniform has been recently provided for the "Infirmary Girls". Under the capable management of Mrs.



HOUSE BUILT BY THE CLASS OF 1933 IN WOODWORK  
MANUAL TRAINING





CLASS IN SEWING — 1934



J. C. Morris, Matron of the Home, the sewing department has been thoroughly reorganized. In 1933, Miss Mabel Best, a Home Economics graduate, was secured to teach the girls this necessary subject, and about 75 girls are receiving instructions from her daily. During the entire superintendency of Mr. Adams, Mrs. Cleo Barnett had charge of this department, and many girls were benefited by her interest in them.

Other industrial divisions are the laundry and ironing room, with Mr. George Hendrix and Mrs. Ina Lancaster in charge; the dining room which is supervised by Mrs. Emma Warren and Mrs. Nancy Stevens; and the kitchen in which Mr. Jess Short, the chef, is assisted by Mr. Leon Metcalfe and Mr. John Ray. Upwards of 100 girls and boys get valuable training in these departments.

The day's schedule is from 8:30 A. M. to 12:15 and from 1:30 P. M. to 3:00. The industrial plants are open from 1:30 to 4:00 P. M. Instead of a night study period in school, it has been arranged for the more advanced pupils to study in their cottages. At the close of the session in May 1933, there were 586 students, the highest number ever reached since the Home School was established. During the year that closed May 31, 1934, the enrollment was 524.

This chapter would not be complete without mentioning the splendid work of the Educational Trustees in continuance of the training in the Masonic Home Junior High School.

The existence of this committee is due to the interest and forethought of Past Grand Master James Garnett, who formulated a plan for creating a fund to be used in giving a higher or vocational education to the graduates of the Home School. This idea of promoting vocational education was important: it was the first to be recorded in any system. Since that time, it has been introduced into the curricula of grammar grade schools, high schools, normal schools, and colleges. The Federal Government, seeing the importance of this branch of education, has taken it up on an extensive scale.

At the session of Grand Lodge in October, 1915, Past Grand Master Garnett presented his plan in the form of a resolution. It was unanimously adopted, and he was appointed by Grand Master Adams as chairman of a committee to carry out the terms of the resolution, which provided in part that some of the surplus funds accruing from dues paid to the Grand Lodge from interest on bonds, be used for the above purpose. This fund of \$15,000 for the first year and \$10,000 each year thereafter for the next nine years, was to be reinvested by five Educational Trustees, and used as they thought best for the education of the wards in their charge. The full text of the resolution may

be found in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year 1915.

Past Grand Master Garnett acted as chairman of the Trustees for eight years, and successfully carried out his plan for the advancement of the Home graduates. The condition of affairs pertaining to this work being satisfactory, he resigned from the Educational Trustees when he was elected to the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and Prof. J. H. Richmond was made chairman.

At the present time (1935) there are seven Trustees. They devote much time and consideration to this important trust, without thought of remuneration, except the satisfaction of "work well done". An approximate number of twenty-five graduates has been cared for annually since the creation of the Educational Trustees, whose names and dates of services are as follows:

James Garnett, P. G. M.	1915—1923
S. P. Browning	1915—1925
Henry P. Barret, P. G. M.	1915—1917
Edward R. Dillehay	1915—1925
Robert W. Bingham	1915—1916
George Colvin	1916—1918
James H. Richmond	1918— —
W. M. Jackson	1918—1922
John J. Howe	1922— —
Chas. A. McMillan	1923—1933
Chas. P. Weaver	1923—1933
Frank E. Shattuck	1923—1928
E. M. Sinclair	1924—Few Months
Dr. T. W. Pennington	1925— —
Dr. John W. Juett, P. G. M.	1933— —
A. E. Orton, P. G. M.	1933— —
John M. Yost	1933— —

The educational facilities, provided by the Masonic Fraternity of Kentucky, assisted and encouraged by the Order of the Eastern Star and many friends, enable the Home children to occupy responsible positions in practically all fields of endeavor; in almost every state of the Union may be found students of the Home School, making good in professions, trades, and business ventures. Many of them are foremost in the civic activities of the communities in which they live, and the art of homemaking is greatly enhanced by the training which the girls and boys receive in the Masonic Home.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS OLD MASONS' HOME — 1934

Standing left to right: Malcolm Rouse; S. P. Alderson, Grand Junior Warden; Innes B. Ross, Grand Senior Warden; Hugh Moore, Deputy Grand Master; Herbert Henderson, Grand Master; John M. Cochran.  
Seated left to right: P. G. M. John L. Phillips; John T. Kinkhead; R. Lee Shannon; P. G. M. James E. Wilhelm; P. G. M. James Garnett; P. G. M. Fred W. Hardwick; P. G. M. Sam K. Veach; P. G. M. Allison Holland; George L. Blackford; Isaac T. Woodson; John H. Snyder, and P. G. M. Al. E. Orton.



## HISTORY OF THE OLD MASONS' HOME

By Mrs. Adne P. Scearce

At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, October 17, 1894, Past Grand Master J. Speed Smith, of Richmond, Ky., offered the following resolution, which was unanimously carried:

"Whereas, The one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky (the first west of the Alleghenies) will occur in 1900, and

"Whereas, It is deemed expedient that a celebration commensurate with the importance of the occasion be held,

"Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Grand Master appoint a committee of five who should formulate and present to the Grand Lodge at its next session, for its approval, a plan for the proper celebration of our 'Masonic Centennial'."

Pursuant to this resolution, Grand Master J. W. Staton announced the following committee:

J. Speed Smith, No. 25, Richmond, Ky.  
James E. Wilhelm, No. 449, Paducah, Ky.  
Isaac P. Gould, No. 607, Dayton, Ky.  
Samuel W. Hager, No. 325, Ashland, Ky.  
Phillip E. Kemp, No. 661, Middlesboro, Ky.  
James W. Staton, No. 154, Brooksville, Ky.

Within one month after the appointment of this committee, they submitted to the Grand Master, Henry Hopson Holeman, of Madisonville, Ky., a plan to raise, by voluntary subscription from the Craft, a sufficient fund to build and endow a home for the aged, infirm and penniless Masons. Grand Master Holeman approved the plan and authorized Past Grand Master J. Speed Smith to receive subscriptions for that purpose. On March 8, 1895, Brother Isaac P. Gould passed to his reward, and Brother Frank H. Johnson, of Louisville, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the committee. On February 8, 1900 (before his work was completed), Past Grand Master J. Speed Smith passed to his reward, and the vacancy on the committee caused by his death was filled May 1, 1900, by Past Grand Master Howard R. French, of Mt. Sterling, Ky. Brother Phillip E. Kemp resigned, and Brother Elliott Beard was appointed to fill this vacancy. He served faithfully as a member of the Board of Directors until his death May 23, 1933.

At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge in October, 1900, the above-mentioned committee made a complete report, and recommended that the committee and the Grand Master, William C. McChord, be authorized to incorporate "The Old

Masons' Home of Kentucky". It also recommended that the committee, namely, Howard R. French, James E. Wilhelm, Frank H. Johnson, Samuel H. Hager, Elliott B. Beard, and James W. Staton, compose the first Board of Directors. In 1901, Articles of Incorporation were filed naming the members of the committee as Directors and providing for the Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden and their successors in office to be ex-officio Directors.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held in Shelbyville, Ky., on November 8, 1901, and the following officers were elected: Past Grand Master Howard R. French, President; Past Grand Master John A. Ramsey, Vice-President; Past Master Frank H. Johnson, Treasurer; Past Master E. P. Doss, Secretary; Brother H. E. Shafer, Superintendent, and Mrs. Shafer, Matron.

A location for the Home was the next thing to consider. After some deliberation, the farm located one mile east of Shelbyville was purchased (the farm now contains 175 acres), and possession was secured November 15, 1901. The dwelling house on the farm was renovated and furnished, and the entire premises were put in order by the following spring. On March 10, 1902, the first resident, Brother A. L. Bullock, of Polar Star Lodge No. 363, Vanceburg, Ky., was admitted to the Home. He died there a few years later.

Brother Shafer and his wife resigned as Superintendent and Matron, May 31, 1904, and Brother A. F. Heinrich and Mrs. Heinrich were elected to succeed them.

The first Home physician was Dr. William F. Beard, who served faithfully until his death in January, 1913. Dr. Frank Beard, who had been associated with his father in this work, succeeded him, and served until his death in 1922. This duty was then taken up by Dr. S. L. Beard, another son of Dr. William Beard. He served in this capacity until his death in 1925. Since that time, Dr. William H. Nash, whom all in the Home love and respect, has been the Home physician.

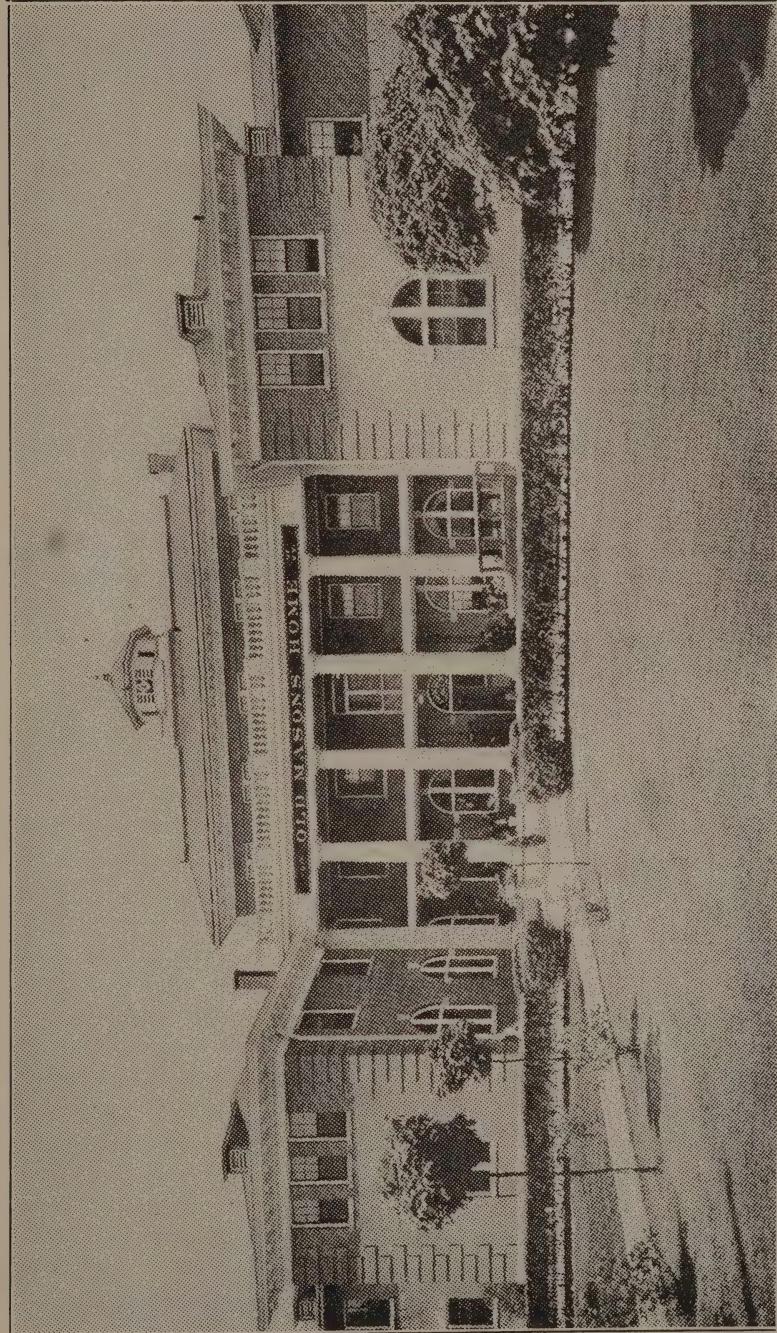
In 1909, it was deemed necessary to provide more adequate quarters, and on February 10, 1910, a contract was awarded to J. Bernstein to erect a new building at a cost of \$29,000, in which living quarters would be provided for fifty persons. On October 18, 1910, Grand Master John H. Cowles, escorted by DeMolay Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar, of Louisville, Ky., laid the cornerstone for the "Old Masons' Home New Building". Several Grand Officers and hundreds of the Craft attended—two daughters of Past Grand Master J. Speed Smith, who originated the Old Masons' Home, were among the guests.

Three months later, January 18, 1911, the new building was finished, accepted, and paid for. All rooms had been furnished



ORIGINAL BUILDING, OLD MASONS' HOME — 1903





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by Masonic bodies and individuals, and brass plates naming the donors were placed on the doors. Grand Master Robert R. Burnam, of Richmond, dedicated this building June 27, 1911. On this occasion the Rev. B. F. Hungerford made the address of welcome, which was followed by a dedicatory address by Brother C. M. Juett.

On October 20, 1913, the Board of Directors appointed a special committee to arrange with pastors of local churches to hold Divine Services in the Home at least twice a month. If this could not be done, the committee was to invite the nearest lodges to conduct services occasionally. This movement was a success, and for several years regular services have been held every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the library, these being conducted by some lodge, which brings a minister and music as well. The Sunday School class is conducted every Sunday at 9 A. M., and on Thursday evening the weekly prayer meeting is held.

So much for the present time—now, let's step back to September 11, 1917, and mention the death of Past Grand Master Howard R. French, who had served as President of the Board for ten years. He was a true Christian Mason, and his passing was keenly felt by his associates in the work. In appreciation of his efforts to help in every way to uplift the standard of the Home, it was voted by the Directors that a likeness of Brother French be made, and today a handsome oil portrait of this grand Mason adorns the wall of the entrance hall of the Old Masons' Home. This is not the only expression of love and esteem found in this splendid institution: On the wall opposite the picture of Brother French, is a magnificent likeness of Brother J. Speed Smith, in whose heart and brain were originated many thoughts of love and service for the old men who have entered its portals to enjoy comfortably the evening of life. As we gaze upon the features of these good men, and think of the work done under their guidance, and that of other loyal Masons, we humbly exclaim, "Thank God for such men".

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held October 15, 1917, Past Grand Master James E. Wilhelm was elected President and Past Grand Master Samuel K. Veach, Vice-President of the Home.

To relieve the crowded condition of the Home, a contract was let on February 21, 1917, for a new addition of fifteen rooms. This work was completed January 1, 1918.

Brother A. F. Heinrich resigned as Superintendent of the Home November 5, 1919, on account of the illness of his wife. Soon after this, Brother B. F. Smith and his wife were elected as Superintendent and Matron, in which positions they served until November 20, 1922. Brother W. N. Owens and Mrs. Owens were elected to succeed them.

The Board of Directors, realizing the urgent need of a hospital for the sick, instructed the President of the Board on October 18, 1920, to introduce a resolution in the Grand Lodge to increase the assessment for the Home to 50c per capita for the next two years, the additional 25c per year to be applied to the erection, equipping, and maintenance of a hospital for the Home. The resolution was unanimously adopted without discussion by the Grand Lodge, and a contract was awarded November 21, 1921, to T. F. Allen for the building of a hospital at a cost of \$28,248.08. This new addition was dedicated October 17, 1922, by Grand Master Fred W. Hardwick and other Grand Officers. Addresses were made by President James E. Wilhelm, Vice-President, Samuel K. Veach, and Mrs. Fannie Middleton Hunter. Several thousand persons attended the dedication.

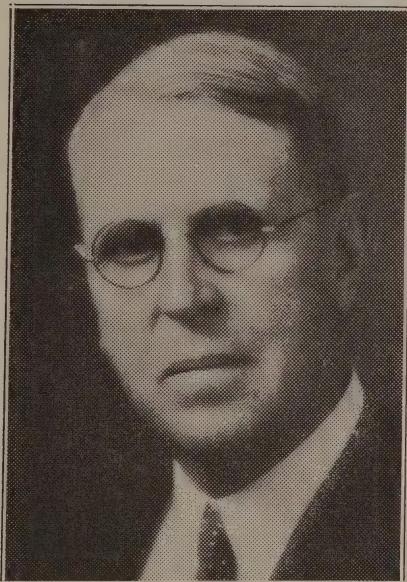
Ward No. 1 of the hospital was furnished by Lewis Lodge No. 191, and Ward No. 2 was furnished by the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Order of Eastern Star. On February 13, 1924, the Board of Directors of the Home extended a cordial invitation to the Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patron, to be guests of the Home at dinner on May 14, for the purpose of dedicating the ward which had been furnished by the Grand Chapter. About sixty guests responded, and after dinner a beautiful program was most excellently rendered by the ladies and their associates. At this time the gift was formally presented and acknowledged by the President of the Board. Another most pleasing and highly prized gift to the Home was a player piano, donated by the Jerusalem White Shrine, of Louisville.

On August 25, 1924, a contract was awarded to T. F. Allen of Shelbyville, Ky., to build a third story to the main building and remodel the second story—this work to be completed by December 15, 1924, at a total cost of \$22,656.02.

July 27, 1925, Superintendent Owens and Mrs. Owens resigned, and on August 2, President Wilhelm assumed the duties of Superintendent—on October 25, 1925, President Wilhelm was duly elected as Superintendent of the Home. Vice-President Veach acted as President of the Board until he was elected President August 8, 1928. At this time, Past Grand Master George Winslow was elected Vice-President, R. Lee Shannon, Treasurer, and Fred W. Hardwick, Secretary.

Past Grand Master James Garnett was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Vice-President Winslow's death, which occurred on November 18, 1930, and at the same time Brother R. Lee Shannon was elected to become a member of the Board.

On August 13, 1930, Superintendent Wilhelm resigned, and Brother W. J. Arvin and his wife were elected Superintendent and Matron respectively. On October 23, 1931, Superintendent



LEE A. SCEARCE  
Superintendent, Old Masons' Home



Arvin and Mrs. Arvin tendered their resignation to take effect as soon as the Board could elect their successors. At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on February 9, 1932, Brother Lee A. Scearce and his wife, Mrs. Adne P. Scearce, were elected Superintendent and Matron, and assumed their duties March 1, 1932.

Since the opening of the Home in March, 1902, there have been received into the Home 442 residents—wards of different lodges in Kentucky. Of this number, 71 are still members of the Home family—61 men and 10 ladies. The average age of those in the Home at the present time, December 1934, is 76.6 years.













